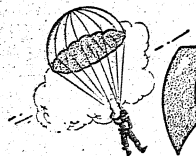


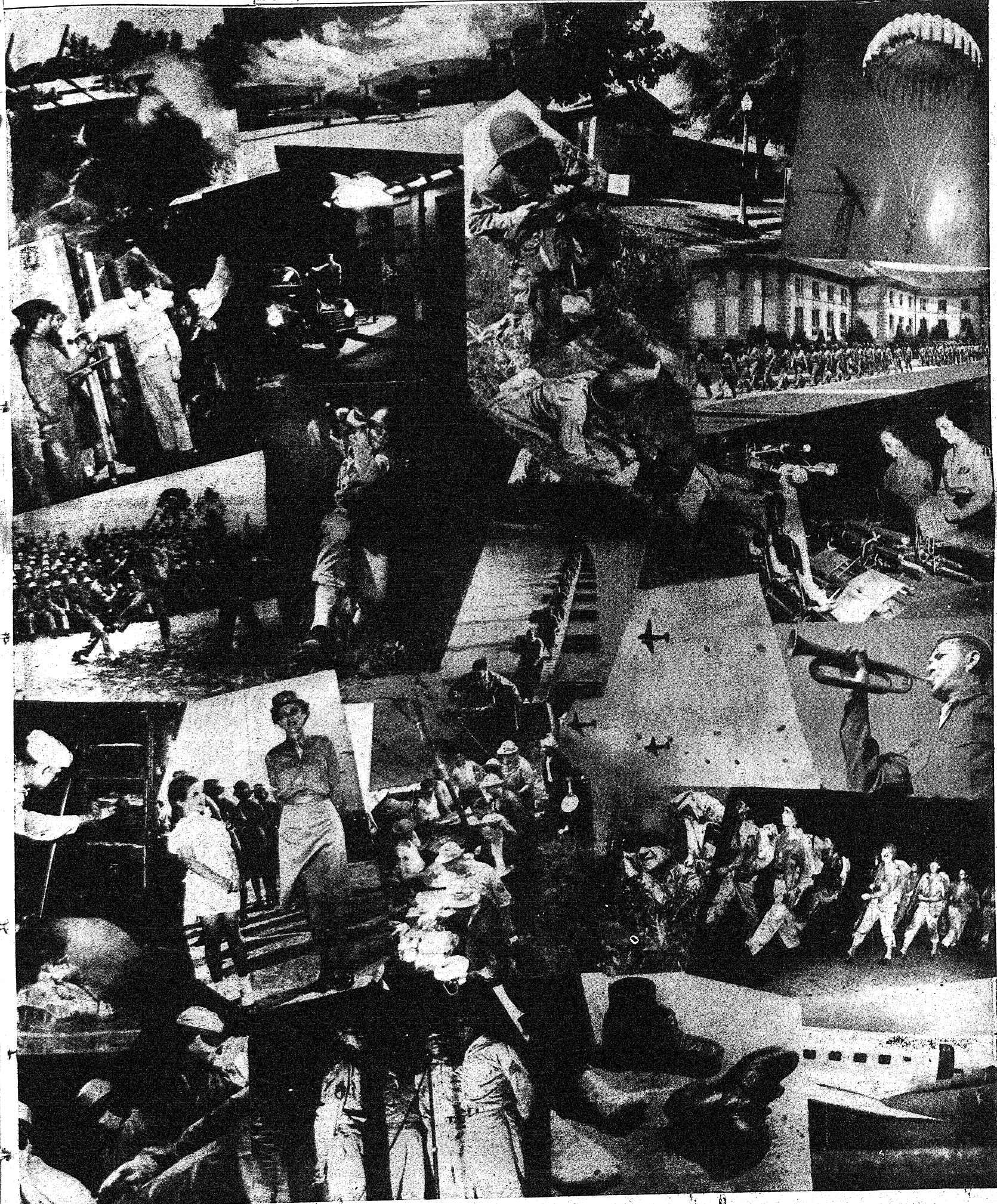
In the relatively brief span of 25 years Fort Benning has grown from a small training camp to what many army men regard as America's most complete post and as one of the nation's model military installations. On this page the camera has recorded a quick panoramic view of some of the many activities which are routine at Fort Benning illustrating why Benning occupies its unique position in military affairs.



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Creeping Shadows

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C. C. JOHN HUNTER, 3rd Co., 3rd STR

I
You showed me first the faces in the sky
And called them angels, judges, camels, kings.
You taught me how to love the little things
That live upon the earth, and living die.
You brought me near the humming bird to spy
Its dainty flight, a moment's miracle.
You raised my city to a pinnacle
Of castle towers rising heaven high.
You saved me from the spirits in the fall
Of evening by the dance of lullaby
And the shield of love beyond the nod
Of still exploring sleep, answering the call
Of fairy dancers. In your teardrops I
Awoke to see the constant smile of God!

II
I spy my lady's powder puff above
In the sky, so graceful and so fair.
I wonder how it chanced to journey there
Was the moon so jealous of my love
She stole the puff? Or did some queenly dove
Behold my lady, and her envy flare
Into a passion, being then aware
How usual she was, and knowing of
Your darling's beauty, instantly she flew
Upward with the perfumed powder puff,
Far distant to a hidden hideaway.
But dropped it from her Boudoir in the blue:
I spy it floating homeward on the fluff
Of an evening Zephyr—blown away!

III
Symphony! I hear the singing sound
Of Heaven's choir whispering a song
Of painted threnody. How sweet and long
The fainting measures curl and fall around
The brow of Earth and perish on the ground
Beneath my feet without an orison!
Beautifully a heart has heard among
The silence a straying chime and found
The orchestra of Heaven playing full
And matchless music. "Till the day I die
No more, my heart will stay to listen there.
To love the evening cloud, the circling Gull,
The speechless prayer against the silent sky!
And after death, to find it twice as fair.

IV
At night the lullaby of Theta Xi
Ascends to me. I hear the brother's song
Sounding up the stair, and oft long
The pictured halls a brother's face I spy,
Familiar from the past; Jacket, bow tie,
And sober scholar's smile. Oh happy throng.
These faces, and the laughter loud and long,
In pleasant plays of youth's hilarity
Jack upon the keys, and Warren's frown,
And Arnold's quip, and Blackie's studied scorn.
And maybe Davy with a glass of beer!
How brilliant in the quiet college town
Our noisy room! How early comes the morn,
And ivy'd halls, and partings full of cheer!

V
An ancient smoking bowl of bitter bite
Rested on its stem, long in his hand,
And graced the air with heavy haze, the bland
Smoke fairies danced into the night!
A bulky volume spread beneath the light
Upon his quiet knee, a mute expand
Of history and heroes and the grand
Linguistics of a poetry affright.
He coughed and turned the page and looked away
Into the hollow kingdom of the air,
And, tasting from his pipe the musty seep,
He visioned armies clashed in bright array,
Wild mountainsides, and maidens dancing fair.
He sighed his sigh, and softly fell asleep.

VI
Comus in his labyrinthine lair
Heard the wary feet of passers-by
Avoid his darkling haunt, and seek the sky
Above them unobstructed, breathe the air
Of virgin breezes cool and fresh and fair,
Whither uninhibit sunbeams fly
Downward to the earth. But oft an eye
Explored the forest pleasures, took the dare
Of devil's colors, trod the mystic while
With careless feet. A heavy, restless tongue
Hellowed from the depths of jollity
As victors sometime passed without a smile,
And victims, ultimately happy, hung
Cadavers on the way—this moment we.

VII
Where I am weak your love has made me strong,
Your hands have led me in the sightless way
Of pilgrimage. I bow my head and pray.
When I am sad your lips have lent me song
More resonant than the beaten gong
Of primitive ambitions, and the sway
That fortune's drums incessantly betray
In their uncanny master. All along
The mystic paths perfidiously have wrought
For legions, I have found constant, near
My aching head, re-surveying harmony,
Unperjured, impervious, impecunious, and unbought
By gold or fickle time, yet ever dear
To men, Oh peerless darling Liberty!

VIII
Clever understudy of the mind
That rules Hell, ungodly, cruel greed!
How often does your pouting belly feed
Upon the blood of innocence and find
Pleasant gruel! Your grimy talons bind
The spotless skin, and make the virgin bleed
In ravished pain! No thoughtless, heartless deed
Is lawless when your fiery jewels grind
Upon their meat. Your cunning planning raised
The smoking stomachs, fertile industries
That silver shuns. How grandly were you praised
As your brother hearkened Hitler's cries
And gave the perfect democrat a cross.

IX
Be warned of this, America, of all
Your manly powers malice must be least,
Even when the rumblings in the East
Announce your wound. The noble social wall
Of order, having trembled to its fall,
May be rebuilt most firmly of the best
Construction, letting wanton weapons rest,
Drawing cankerous vinegar and gall.
If hate is lacking, Hate who undermined
The sweet foundations firstly with his flow
Of bitter wine, and left no pinion strong.
If we would build the wall, we must be kind;
Its strength is in the natural human flow
Of understanding, and its life is long.

X
We the hearts that sheathe the flesh in steel
And beat our cadence on the smoky street;
We the hearts that taste the minute, sweet
Between the hours of battle; We who feel
The trembling palm of earth beneath, who reel
Upon the rising dust, and kiss the fleet
And burning bullet. We who fell to meet
The humid shirr of grass with joy, and deal
Our dim and ragged cards to destiny
Without a middleman to cut the pack,

Or help the swirling fall of fate be fair;
We know in aching heart a mystery.
We see the infant blue through ancient black,
And find a cheerful teardrop in despair.

XI
My Mary, dear, how fond the faded day
We wandered last in springtime's verdure green
Along the hilly avenue! I ween
That my troubled hours have passed away
From bright experience since the careless play
Of youthful jollity our eyes have seen
In our beloved town. The mystic sheen
Of Nichol's Arboretum and the stream,
The Pretzel Bell, and Floutzes, and a nook
Hidden in the Parrot's sunken eye
Where the smoky hours dreamed a dream
Of wonder days, the pencil and the book
Momentarily forgotten for a sigh!

XII
When the fire life has left me cold
And I am no more conscious of the day,
Nor hear the chiming the carillon will play,
When I am dead and cannot feel the hold
Of your familiar hand, or know the mould
Of my own form; When I cannot say
The words that sing my poems and betray
My thoughts and love to lovers as of old,
Still you will find me ever by your side,
Whispering from winding roads and flowers
That blossom in the spring, and from the sea
That dashes on the shore, and gulls that glide
Homeward in the spray to drying bowers,
So commonplace when I have ceased to be.

XIII
Till time has closed my eyes I'll look on you
As early as the mystic summer rain,
That wakes the flowers to morning life again,
I'll hold you closely as the rose the dew.
Till death has closed my eyes, I'll listen to
The symphony of your sweet lip's refrain,
Far sweeter still than Earth's sublimest strain
Might in its most inspired hour pursue.
Though you are gone, I see you in the snow
That rests its mantle on the mountain's brow
And lifts its soft white lips to God above;
And, in my sweetest, dearest dream, I know
That you could never be more near than now.
I have you yet, through time and death, my love!

XIV
Death has spoken from his silent halls,
Hissing solemn syllables, the boy
Listens; whispers interrupt his joy
And tell him of a chamber without walls,
Infinitesimal, the minute calls
Of morning birds excluded, their deploy
Too sweetly vast. No horrid blast's annoy
Invades the tiny closet of the palls.
Silent retrogression of the years
Sends him out of living's crowded room,
Form friendly hands and eyes, and from the girl
Whose laughter cheered him and whose silent tears
Flow toward a long forgotten womb
Reentered past the germ's primeval swirl.
OC JOHN HUNTER,
3 CO. 3 S. T. R.

The Sleeping Men

2nd Prize, Verse, \$25 War Bond

SGT. LEONARD SUMMERS, Hq. Co., Acad. Reg't.

Across the sea, across the sea,
Beneath a once-green lawn,
Where flowered beds are ripped to shreds,
There lies a human pawn;
And while he lies in death's dark guise,
The war goes on and on.

On sleeping men, oh sleeping men,
You men who still have life,
Who have not stayed the evil blade
Of famine, fear and strife,
Arise, dull youth! Arise to truth!
Lest you beget the knife!

The men who sleep across the deep,
Have had their taste of lead;
They fought in mud, and with their blood,
They painted sabers red;
And while they sleep, their mother's weep,
Because these men are dead.

But over here, we drink our beer,
And golf and swim and dance;
We laugh, get married, and play the varied
And sundry games of chance;
And then we creep in bed and sleep,
And dream of sweet romance.

We sleep too tight, we sleep too tight,
We sleep with open eyes;
We sleep with dense indifference
To war. We are not wise.
For while we jest, and have our rest,
Another soldier dies.

And so it seems in life and dreams,
We all are sleeping men;
Across the deep, the dead men sleep—
But we sleep too; and when
We twiddle thumbs and turn out crumbs
Of work, we sleep again.

Oh sleeping men, oh sleeping men,
You men who still have life,
Who have not stayed the evil blade
Of famine, fear and strife,
Arise, dull youth! Arise to truth!
Lest you beget the knife!

ODE

To an Airman and His Craft

Upon a ship of war, you rise and soar
Above this low magnetic ground;
In unison your motors hum and roar
Protection, staunch, to us earth-bound.

Your wings with fury rend and slash
The clouds in their cool atmosphere;
With daring aim you climb and flash
Toward greater height of blue frontier.
In silhouette on earth's high ceiling,
Your mighty frame is now in flight
A microscopic bird just stealing
Beyond the rim of our short sight.

We watch until we see your ship
No more
With hearts that trail the distant sky.
You dare where man has never
fought before
Into the stratosphere you fly!
—Camelia Moore
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NEW CAPTAINS

Five men attending The Infantry School's Officers' Advanced Course, and two tactical officers of the Infantry School staff were promoted to the rank of captain, it was announced yesterday. They are: George M. Talbot, Atlanta; Francis R. Quamman, Georgia; Velva, N. Dak.; Fred H. Horlock, Gulfport, Miss.; Frank S. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C.; Robert Harry Liedike, Englewood, Colo.; and William H. Greene, Plant City, Fla.

Brahms made his first concert appearance at the age of 14.

The Bayonet, Thursday, November 17, 1943

Three

'It's A Pleasure' Opens Nov. 16

A breezy new musical hit, "It's A Pleasure," has been booked as the next stage attraction to play the Benning circuit, and the opening date has been set for Tuesday, November 16. "It's A Pleasure" promises to be one of the most pleasurable shows ever to appear here at Fort Benning.

Although music is emphasized, both instrumental and vocal, this revue also presents the dance in all its contrasting styles as well as plenty of rib cracking comedy. A dazzling and clever novelty act adds the proper touch to round out the bill.

In the cast are Jane Moxon, known as the "Sophisticated Singer of Songs," Maryette Evans and Family in "Dances New and Old," Maryette is truly one of the nautic dancers. Gene Clayton does "Bits of Prestidigitation" and Red Pepper is the master of ceremonies. Music will be supplied by the 300th Infantry Dance Band unit.

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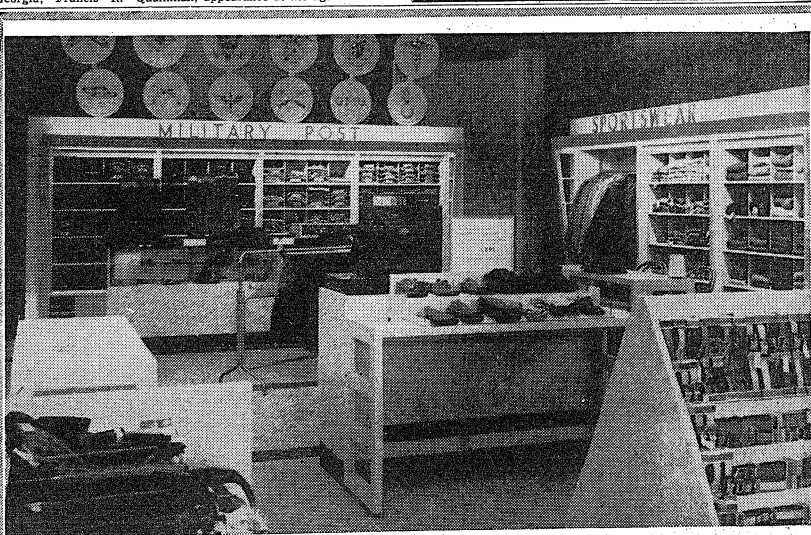
der the direction of Sgt. Al Krosic. Following is the schedule of performances:
Tuesday, Nov. 16—Main Theatre—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.
Wednesday, Nov. 17—Main Theatre—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.
Thursday, Nov. 18—Main Theatre—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.
Friday, Nov. 19—Alabama Area Gym—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.
Saturday, Nov. 20—Main Theatre—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.
Monday, Nov. 22—Main Theatre—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.
Tuesday, Nov. 23—Main Theatre—7:00 and 8:45 p. m.

ALL-AMERICA GEORGIA

"Georgia the All-American State," says a slogan on a local car. Fort Benning is helping out. A check of a barracks, chosen at random, showed 38 States represented in the 48 men living there.



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"This is our first aim that the peoples of Europe must have freedom to choose their own government. We must also see that there is not in the future any chance for aggression by Germans."

—Joseph Stalin.

Dedicated To Benning Alumni The World Over

Today, November 11, 1943, THE BAYONET is marking a dual anniversary—that of the 25th birthday of Fort Benning and that of cessation of hostilities of the First World War.

A quarter of a century ago this day was marked by the glad news that Germany had laid down her arms in the face of the overwhelming might of the Allies; factory whistles and madly tolling church bells provided the turbulent orchestration for the hymn of thanksgiving to Almighty God on high entoned throughout the land that the dogs of war had at long last been muzzled and that Peace had returned.

Now we are engaged in another war and Benning alumni, Infantrymen, subjects of the Queen of Battles, prepared for combat in Fort Benning's great Infantry School; tankmen trained in the dust and mud of Benning's Sand Hill area; bold and fearless paratroopers who graduated from Benning's magnificent Parachute School; airmen who added to their experience as troop carriers at Lawson Field, are carrying the fight to the enemy on all of the far-flung battle fronts of the globe. Thousands who are still in training here will soon add their bit to the armed and irresistible might of the United Nations.

To these men THE BAYONET and Fort Benning send their greetings; for the success of our arms in the present we entone again a prayer of thanksgiving; for a glorious victorious conclusion we fervently offer a prayer of supplication; and to our alumni we gratefully dedicate this Silver Anniversary issue commemorating the founding of Fort Benning.

Our Game Is Desperate So Zip Your Lip

Our national existence and our liberty are at stake. They can be preserved only by dependence upon the efficient operation of our military intelligence and our counter-intelligence services.

The first of these is about the enemy. We are everything we can be about the enemy. We are taking care of that! The second one consists of keeping our enemies from finding out what our plans are. That's harder! That is harder because we make it hard for ourselves. We have not learned yet to keep our mouths shut.

Everyone of us knows some facts that the enemy would like to know. Individual facts may not seem to be important, but if the enemy gets all of these, he can piece them together and have a picture of all our plans and intentions. Regard each of these facts as you would a gun. Do not place it in the position of saying: "I didn't know it was loaded."

We are playing a desperate game. We are playing it for keeps—with only one currency, human lives, your life and mine!

The enemy has long ears. He's keen on getting information. He stops at nothing to get it. But getting information is something in which—if he makes the effort—you may contribute and help him out. We must avoid this by keeping our mouths shut. If we say nothing, the enemy cannot hear. Let us keep our mouths shut!

Major General Geo. V. Strong.

Great Leaders Come From Great Homes

The Reader's Digest, a while back, told the story of a voter approached by heeled men from both parties on his way to the polls. One party offered him seventy-five cents for his vote. The other offered only fifty cents. He pocketed both offers but voted for the fifty cent proposal because it was "less corrupt." Voting for the lesser of two evils has long been the practice of America's political disillusion. In the new world we are fighting for we might aim to be able to vote always for the greater of two goods.

"But good men don't always run," some reader may protest. Whose fault is that? Responsibility in a democracy is not simply to choose the better of two men but to see that good men offer themselves and, even back of that, to see that men are good.

We try to do this on the cheap by hiring school teachers and ministers to produce good men for us. But it doesn't work that way. School and church seldom undo the prior training of a home. The only way to make sure of a good man in the White House is to make sure of good men in every house—starting with your house and mine.

"But we know nothing about politics," some family may suggest. "How can we train statesmen in our homes?" Lincoln's father and foster mother knew nothing about politics. But they did teach him the great truths of the Bible and the simple principle of honesty. Great statesmen learned at home to put their country first and think of themselves last. The moral character of our leaders—even more than the laws they uphold—makes the difference between order and chaos in municipal, state and national affairs.

Every home of character which produces men of character is an incubator for the leadership our country needs. Even when our own home

has no man available we can influence the home next door or down the street. Election day in the new world we're wanting must be every day in every home across America. Then "we the people" can nominate, elect and stand behind worthwhile representatives because we have given them something worthwhile to represent.

Failure No Shame If You Keep Trying

So you busted O. C. School? How many times have you been asked this question and had to fumble for a suitable answer. Sort of apologetic for yourself. Well you needn't be ashamed because the fact you were chosen to go to the school shows you have some qualifications that others do not possess and it doesn't mean you won't have another chance if you desire it. You have been fortunate in that you were given training that in a few months that the average soldier would take a year or longer to receive, and then, the type of training that you received cannot be duplicated anywhere.

The 300th considers itself fortunate in having a number of these men in its ranks and welcomes them.

The fact that you were chosen and didn't make the grade should make you mad and perhaps give you a feeling of being wronged, but don't be too hasty in your judgment. If the first judgment was correct you will quickly adapt yourself to your new environment and prove to your fellow soldiers that you do have the stuff and when your second chance comes, and it will help you make the grade. Don't live in the past, lamenting, but rather remembering the knowledge you gained and put it to practical use. Your abilities will soon be recognized and once again you will start that climb up the ladder of success. Think what would happen to a football player if every time he was tackled he gave up. Remember that you are carrying the ball and are in a pretty tough league so do your best and you are bound to come out on the winning side.

Sgt. Dean Robinson, Co. E, 300th Inf.

The Army Chaplain—Your Friend And Mine

Quoting General Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander in the South Pacific, "there are no atheists in fox-holes." This is not surprising when we consider the emphasis placed by our Army leaders upon religion. In most cases it is probably true that soldiers attend church more in the Army than when they were civilians.

The sterling qualities of the Chaplains and the painted unctuous sermons they preach could be a lesson to many civilian ministers, who become so involved in tricky doctrinal points that they forget the fundamental Christian tenets. In the Army the soldier is faced with two choices; one is to continue living by his former Moral standards and second to throw overboard all the teachings of his childhood and let his desires and impulses assume command of him. The fact that so few men do this is due in large part to the kindly, expert advice of the Army Chaplain.

The Chaplain goes into battle alongside our brave troops, doing all within his power to see them safely through the mental and moral turmoil of battle. His is the job of administering the last rite to the dying and seeing to it that they leave the world in peace. It is the purpose of the Army Chaplain to render services to the men and to organize church facilities for their use.

The duties of the Chaplain are of many varied types. They range from delivering funeral services and wedding ceremonies to acquiring money and help for the needy soldier. Our Chaplain is a friend of all. He is the one who can and the answer to most problems confronting a soldier. If you need advice concerning some phase of your training or army career, see your Chaplain. He can help you, and most likely he will find a plausible explanation, or remedy for your situation. "Holy Joe," as he is sometimes called, is a valuable asset to any Army organization. He is a decided morale builder. Men must be up in their spirits and their morale must be high before they can fight as they should. It is the job of the Chaplain to keep this morale up. He uses his own kind spirit and ability to lead men, to accomplish this mission.

The Army Chaplain Corps is made up of competent men, who have been schooled for many years in the way of life and religion. They are there because they know their job and know it well. Do not hesitate to see your Chaplain when you are in need of guidance. He is there to help you and he will help you.

Pvt. Howard J. Nelson, 13th Co., 6th Regt., ASTP.

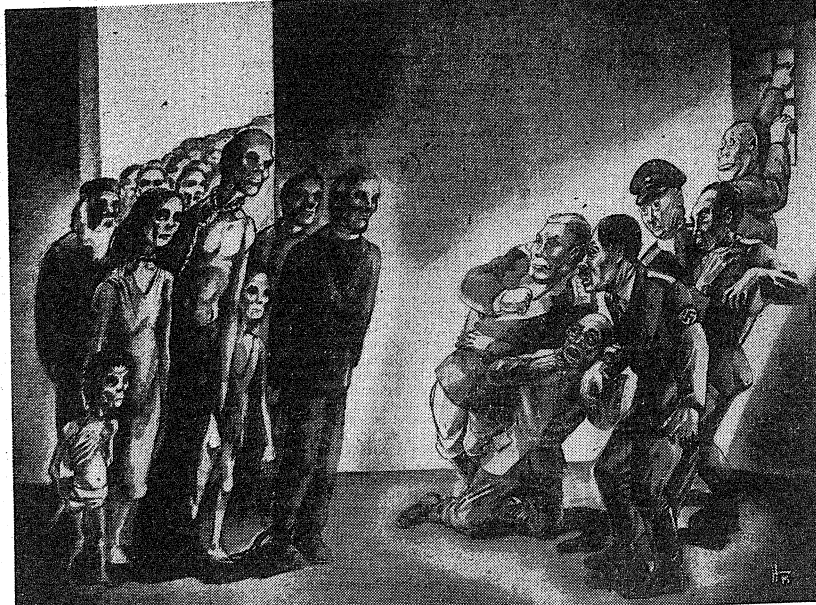
To try for a new world without a fresh spirit in its people is like trying to make an omelet with outdated eggs.

The "new system" we need most is a new nervous system—nerve to do what's right.

Men cannot live without fighting. But when they fight for different things it's war. When they fight for the same thing it's peace.

If we think of peace simply as getting back to the old days and ways, victory won't get us ahead.

The Jury



—Cpl. H. B. Moon, 1st Prize, Cartoons, \$50 War Bond

USO Presents—

FREE PHONE CALLS HOME; TURKEY DAY PARTY, AND ROLLER SKATING

By PFC. S. A. KEITEL

Three free long-distance telephone calls home will be awarded soldiers every week from the Salvation Army USO's in Columbus and Phenix City, Mrs. Kathleen Barrow and Mrs. Edna Scott, program directors, announced. Two of the calls will be awarded at the Phenix City unit, one to the winner of the movie quiz Wednesday at 9 p. m. and one to the winner of the Sunday afternoon quiz. The other call will be given solely for a soldier's service as a volunteer in the USO house program Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the Columbus Salvation Army USO.

Two hundred servicemen are invited to a Thanksgiving Eve party at the Columbus Salvation Army USO. Making a reservation beforehand will assure a place at the buffet that night of Nov. 24.

Big news from Ninth street USO—The USO basketball league will open Monday, Nov. 15, and the Christmas gift headcave will be eased by a "soldier-shopper" committee and the usual Christmas wrapping service, which will be inaugurated there today, Nov. 11.

The first four teams of the 10-team leagues will take to the hardwood of Ninth street

USO auditorium on Monday night. Rules and regulations for the leagues have been adopted, and schedules are being completed. All of Fort Benning is represented in the case play, and the roster of almost every team includes some well known college basketball stars.

The word is that a "Lucky Seventh" (Armored Division GI) is quite a hit at telling fortunes with playing cards. Scene of his activities is the Phenix City USO, where "his said he specializes in reading the future of females. His name, T-S Martin Powers of "E" Company, 87th Recon.

A quick glance at the program of Mr. G. W. Avison, program director at Army-YMCA-USA, reveals there is roller skating on the patio at the club Thursdays from 8 p. m. to 10 p. m. and Sunday evenings from 2 to 5 p. m. and Sunday evenings from 7 to 10 p. m. Other highlights besides the dance Saturday at 8:30 p. m., Mother's Corner Sunday at 4 p. m. with punch and homemade cake, the Silhouette Hour at the same time Sundays and the recorded program of classical music Mondays at 8 p. m.

Kay Says—

SHE ENCAUNTERS GASTRONOMICAL DIFFICULTIES PLEASING HUSBY

Time was when I could put a meal on the table and feel sure of uncritical participants, when a dish of hash was considered by the man of the house as fine a dish of hash as he had ever put fork to, and when a leg of lamb, oiled with a meaty and potato, was enough to keep a husband content for a week, in reminiscence. But that was before my particular male of the species started to sample the gastronomical delights found in various parts of the United States. Since then my good, plain cooking—plain, anyhow—has met with untold criticism, and I have received innumerable hints as to how it might be improved.

This is doubly aggravating because I've been hewing to the line, trying to get the most of those mysterious vitamins out of the greens and remembering that the most valuable part of the potato is that next to the skin. I have my rules down pat. Two or more servings of leafy green or yellow vegetables, and all the rest of it. Maybe we're getting more healthy, but I must admit it gets a bit uninteresting.

If my husband were also one who abides by the book, all would be well. But alas, I'm cursed with a spouse who has an insatiable desire to experiment, to better the already perfect, to cast a wary eye on the blunt fact and the unanswerable argument. He goes on the same theory as does a southern friend who, when approached on the inadvisability of fried chicken and hot biscuits for breakfast, answered "it may be dietetically unsound, but gastronomically it's swell." He also goes on the theory that if you eat enough of everything, eventually you're

going to have a balanced diet. Throughout the years I have learned to make an enchilada, Italian spaghetti, chop suey, rum-tum ditty, kropskakor, ragmunk, and whatever else happened to be "gastonomically swell" at the moment. With the advent of rationing I thought my troubles were over. After all, you can't do much if you don't have the proper ingredients. I'm inclined lately to believe that food should be a matter of nourishment rather than a source of enjoyment.

However, my ailment is broken down by certain mess sergeants around the post, from whose meals my husband returns with ecstatic descriptions of fried chicken, hot biscuits, and the like. From various adventures throughout the vicinity I am regaled with tales of how appetizing rice can be if properly cooked, how even the humble yellow squash can be a thing of pleasure if it's properly prepared, and how the south does something with cornmeal and grits which make subsequent dishes fit for a king.

There are two ways out of my dilemma. I can learn to fry chicken as a particular mess sergeant has done; I can learn to cook turnip greens with "white meat," devise a new recipe for corn bread, and stand at someone's elbow learning the exact recipe for certain succulent dishes. Or—I can run an advertisement in the Daily Bulletin: "Wanted, cook. Must have knowledge of Mexican, Swedish, Italian, German, middle-western, and southern cookery. Must not be adverse to criticism, and eager to please. Price no object."

Will anyone settle for beef pot roast, browned potatoes, sweet-sour beans, and apple pie with cheese?

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

COLONEL SWAMP WATER GOES ON HIS VERY FIRST FOX HUNT

By 1-SGT. TOM McDONALD
"Colonel Swampwater's First Fox Hunt"

Among the outstanding events here at Fort Benning is the officers' club annual Fall Fox Hunt. As a recreational feature, its politico-military significance is unsurpassed. Here an officer may rise to the heights in the eyes of his fellows or he may equally sink to the point where he will be adjudged a place on their "lists."

On this occasion the promising young officers are allowed to rub elbows with the more refined element of the "higher brass" and thus generally are reeking in opportunity to better themselves. The scene of this event is the spacious golf links of our fair post. Here the officers and their ladies and the W.A.C. officers and their friends are mounted on practically all of the Infantry School stable's available nags.

When the "imported Fox" is turned loose near hole one, the gala affair begins. Due to the fact that Colonel Swampwater's dog "Carpenter" had been selected to enact the role of "the fox," General Quagmire had extended a special invitation to my commanding officer to attend the Hunt.

As the afternoon of the Hunt finally arrived, I was accosted in the hall by my leader, when I was returning from lunch. The ol' boy was attired in an outfit that would have put any peacock to shame. Besides his flaming head coat and leather puttees, he had a fatigue hat of herringbone quill cooked rather precariously on his head. A long white feather stuck out of the hat, reminding me of a radio antenna. There was no sign of rank anywhere on his person.

"Sergeant!" he beamed, "This afternoon is going to be an event in your young life. I'm going to let you act as my groom."

"Does that mean I have to get married?" I gulped.

"Of course not!" he retorted. "All you will have to do is attend the Hunt, partake of the refreshments according to rank, act as a sort of valet, and help me on and off my horse."

"It's a deal!" I replied, sensing excitement.

After arriving at the scene of the Hunt and following my leader about the grounds as he greeted all of his friends and gave them a chance to see one of his more stunning sport costumes, the horses were brought together and as soon as their riders were present, we "grooms" set to work.

Being surprisingly agile for an "office officer," Colonel Swampwater managed to get on his horse ten minutes ahead of General Quagmire. It appeared that the General was too modest to step up on his horse by way of his groom's neck, as my commanding officer had done.

I noted during the excitement that there were no fox hounds present. I later learned from one of the other "grooms" that they had just recently gone overseas as officers in the 89th Corps. Since all the Georgia foxes were on duty as Demonstrators at the Infantry School in Hasty Field Fortifications, "Carpenter" was the only animal present besides the horses.

Although the poor dog didn't seem to have his heart in the task ahead, he did put up a gala front. Being rather small in size, he had been dyed a bright orange color so as to resemble a fox. It was evident that one of his top ears

had been overlooked in the process. He was "brought out in a box and set down about thirty yards in front of the Hunting party. When the box door was open so as to release him, "Carpenter" refused to appear. All of the gay lords and their ladies, the impatient grooms, and the prancing horses tended to give him "buck fever." He later confessed to an air aide friend of his that he felt like "the target for tonight!"

Due to General Quagmire's great impatience, "Carpenter's" groom reached in the box and grabbed the pup by the tail. A bite on the hand soon convinced said groom that he had made a hasty decision. Not to be outdone by this act, he then tilted the box upside down and "Carpenter" came rolling out. Utterly unaware of the moment of the occasion, "Carpenter" instead of bounding into the bush to start the chase, walked amiably over to Colonel Swampwater and wagged his tail. The ol' boy gave the poor canine a look that no man should ever bestow on man's best friend.

General Quagmire opened his mouth to put in his two cents worth, but before he could express himself, a south Georgia rabbit came bounding out of a nearby thicket. With a wild and happy howl, "Carpenter" took out after him in hot pursuit.

"Yippee!" yelled Colonel Swampwater, and the Hunt was on. Galloping over green and hazy, the party followed "Carpenter" with high glee.

That evening after a rather successful hunt (in which Carpenter had finally caught the rabbit), a party was given in one of the more spacious homes near the golf course to honor the occasion. We grooms were elected to serve and act as "butlers." I had the honor of being stationed near the door.

After everyone had taken on great stimulus, I noted that my commanding officer had not yet appeared. I was wondering what ever had become of him, when suddenly the front door swung open and there he was.

"Where have you been Sir?" I inquired.

"I had to take the rabbit away from Carpenter, Sergeant! You know how the meat shortage is?"

"Yes, Sir," I answered.

"Well here I go, Sergeant!" he grinned, and with an ambling sort of swagger, he approached the nearest group which consisted of three officers and their ladies.

"Well! Well! Well!" greeted Colonel Swampwater.

Humph! sneered the party, turning their backs on him and going off in a different direction. The ol' boy stood there scratching his head for a while. Then he shrugged his shoulders and walked over to General Quagmire's party.

Egad! retorted the General. And the rest of his party sneered and took off. Colonel Swampwater got red in the face, scratched his head, and then went to several more groups. Each time they gave him the cold shoulder and walked off. Meanwhile I learned from one of the other "butlers" exactly what the trouble was. So when the ol' boy finally came back over to where I was, I turned up my nose and started to walk off.

"Damn it, Sergeant!" Came back here! I demand to know what I'm being ostracized for!" he bellowed.

Not replying, I drew back and

Chaplain's Corner...

HOLD ON, BILL
Chaplain F. M. Thompson

Years ago while passing along a country road I saw a lad trying to lead a cow up a hill. He had hold of a rope and after much tugging and persuading he almost reached the top, when, to his grief the cow whirled around and rushed pell-mell down to the bottom. A little toddler seated on a stump of a tree jumped up and piped out, "Hold on, Bill, hold on!" This happened three or four times. The lad would succeed in almost reaching the top then the contrary beast would make a break down again. The little fellow always crying "Hold on, Bill, hold on." At last Bill got the cow to the top. Then the little child wobbled over to me and sticking out his chest said, "I'd like to see any darned old cow get the best of me and Bill!"

Many days passed before the philosophy of the incident came to me. But one of the tragedies of life is the frustration of one's hopes and desires—the failure to get the old cow to the top of the hill. We plan on a large scale and the performance is very meager. We think of gold and marble, and build with sticks and mud. The songs we would sing are never written. The good cause we advocate comes to naught. The reforms for which we labor fail. Our highway is littered with broken hopes and unrealized ambitions.

However there are compensations. Some do get the old cow to the top of the hill—some do come to place and honor. What the father could not do his son accomplishes. The mother's ambition is realized in the daughter. The people we help and inspire bring things to pass. The good causes in which we failed are consummated in the lives of others. All because, and only because, in some dark hour, in the night of heartache and discouragement some one has been kind enough to say, "Hold on, Bill, hold on."

"Others shall sing the song,
Others shall right the wrong.
Finish what I begin,
And all I fall of win."

G. I. Theater

BY BARRY

Those brilliant, spectacular between-the-halves exhibitions extolled by the 176th Infantry Band and Drum and Bugle Corps are conceived and coached by Sgt. Raymond Ariel Cross who put to his enlistment was drum-major of the Coe College ROTC Military Band and Drum and Bugle Corps. Rapid Drum and Bugle Corps and the highest World's Fair awards for his splendid formations.

Sgt. Justin Wagner, the genial M. C. who conducts the "blind date" and Variety Night programs at Service Club No. 2 is leaving for Washington and Lee University in Virginia where the Army's Special Service School is located. He has a lot on the ball and should pick up a few new curves while there.

The 300th Infantry Band has a five piece dance combo that is strictly solid. Book them through their Special Service Office. Incidentally, these lads are cooking up something for the boys that should be ready to serve around and about Xmas time. Watch this column for further info.

OFF THE RECORD — We can't all performers be like Sgt. and Jane McKenna who appeared with the USO Camp Show "Town Topics?" ... Gee, they were swell people! ... These boys proposed "Sunday Serenade" programs didn't materialize. Bad case of "G.I. Ego" anyone know where a G. I. magician can be found? ... If you go to please phone 3411. ... Philip Morris Sportswear can be obtained along with your G. I. Movies to round out your evenings film program. Contact the Post Special Service Office for bookings.

looked at him along the ridge of my nose.

"So help me, I'll bust you if you don't explain this situation," he glared.

"Well, Sir," I said, "if you must know when one is out with a formal group of lords and ladies riding to the hounds, as the saying goes, upon sighting the objective one says 'Tallyho!' the fox-hound 'Hee Quagmire, there goes the little leoparded son of a—'

Motor School Sergeant Furloughs Driving Truck

A Navy swab gets a furlough in a patriotic gesture to help Atlantic City go "way over the top" in its Third War Loan drive!

Play, recreation and fun entered the mind of Sgt. Harry Krosskove, Company H, Infantry School Service Command, as he left Fort Benning recently for Atlantic City, the city with its feminine curves, the scene of the famous Boardwalk and beautiful beaches.

He was far removed from the arid scent of smoking machine and daily toil over a hot and sultry engine when he arrived at the resort city, his home town.

But not for long—Atlantic City was staging a tremendous Third War Loan drive parade.

What it lacked, it seemed, was two GIs, soldiers, sailors or marines, who had military driver's licenses. Our sergeant volunteered and was immediately accepted.

The city finally kept looking for the other driver and procured at the hospital there a soldier who had been injured in overseas duty. This GI was pronounced fit—at least fit enough for the parade.

The Third War Loan drive day arrived and our hero came charging down the famous Boardwalk at the helm of a gigantic half-track gun carrier to the cheer of thousands who had lined the streets to view the huge show.

THE HE WAS "spread out over a mile long" were the American Legion with its two snappy drum and bugle corps, the coast guards, the marines, the navy, the army air corps aviators, the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, a whole host of wounded soldiers, and one Academic Regiment sergeant.

Quarried as to how one Academic soldier felt in the mass of men from different services, our sergeant responded that "he was the only infantryman in the whole parade." The U. S. Infantry as well as the Academic Regiment was solely represented by Sergeant Krosskove.

The sergeant admits that he "got a big kick out of it" but he had to drive it at a slow speed, he said, "but it was worth it."

Sergeant Krosskove is not only doing his bit here at Benning but even on furlough he took time out



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FEBRUARY 1943

Capt. Hank Gowdy, after whom Gowdy Field was named, arrives to assume duties as special officer for The Infantry School.

Ft. Benning branch of Muscogee County Ration Board set up on Post to facilitate handling of rationing problems for military personnel. Corp. Louis Lipp (Now Sergeant Lipp) placed in charge.

Fort Benning remains on Eastern War Time as Columbus and surrounding territory go on Central War Time—and it's still confusing.

New Post Office opened. MARCH 1943

Service Club No. 1 reopens following repairs after fire last November.

Columbus-Phenix City, post officials stage luncheon to mark success in battle against venereal disease and vice.

First WAAC (Now WAC) contingent arrives.

Post soars over top in Red Cross fund drive.

615th Parachute Infantry Regiment set up as training regiment for graduates of The Parachute School, under command of Lt. Col. Albert H. Dickerson.

Catholic Mission held on Post. Second Student Training Regiment beats out Academic Profs for second high basketball title in Ft. Benning Conference, then defeat 55th Engineers, 10th Armored Division.

Anthony Eden, General Sir John Dill, General George C. Marshall, tour post. APRIL 1943

Baseball season opens. Band at Reception Center authorized on full-time basis.

Col. Henry P. Perrine, executive officer of The Infantry School, made brigadier general. Soon after is named C. O. of School Troops Brigade.

Capt. Ruth Anderson, chief nurse at Station Hospital, made major, one of few in Army Nurse Corps.

Second WAAC unit assigned to duty in The Infantry School. New cafeteria opens, Wold Ave., and Ingersoll St., to relieve situation on Main Post.

176th Infantry, famous old



DAILY NEWS SERVICE COMPLETE with maps, charts, and interpretations from the best sources, is available at the recently finished display in Service Club No. 1, which is being examined by Lt. John W. Inzer, post orientation officer. This is part of an intensified program to keep American soldiers well informed on progress of the war and current international affairs. Pointing out the various features of the display to Lt. Inzer is Corp. Barry Sturmer of the post special service office, in charge of the layout. In the foreground is Sgt. Donald B. Johnson of the Reproduction Plant, who designed and constructed the signs and posters. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Virginia regiment, comes to Post. President Franklin D. Roosevelt pays surprise visit, inspects Fort Benning.

MAY 1943 Pathe completes filming of new Army short "Lieutenant Smith," at The Infantry School. Twenty-one mothers are honored as guests of Post on Mother's Day.

June 1943 CBS "Church of the Air" broadcast from Ft. Benning, featuring Chaplain Frederick S. Zeller. A. S. T. P. Basis Training Center, 18 year old school, activated. Col. S. R. Tupper, commander of the Student Training Brigade, named in charge.

High ranking Brazilian officials tour fort. After 25 years on post, 29th Infantry leaves.

Thirty 176th Infantrymen staged forced march from Atlanta. Brig. Gen. Robert W. Grow, commander of Combat Force A of 10th Armored Division, leaves for California to assume command of 6th Armored Division at Camp Cooke.

First contingent of 12,000 ASTP youths arrive. Officer Candidate Course lengthened from 13 to 17 weeks.

Col. Arthur C. Blain assumes command of Second Student Training Regiment, succeeding Col. Edward B. Jackson, who takes command of the Fourth Basic Training Regiment.

WAAC company assigned to Lawson Field, making third for the Post.

Five 124th Infantry enlisted men and an Infantry School officer decorated for heroism in saving lives of a contingent of South American journalists earlier in spring.

An Army Specialized Training Center to handle approximately 6,000 colored troops placed under Lt. Col. (now full colonel) Uline James, commanding officer of the Colored Reception Center.

Self-government plan adopted for Baker Village and Benning Park.

Congressman Joseph C. Baldwin of New York, author of Second World War Veterans' Fund bill, inspects post.

Col. Robert Sharp, commander of First Student Training Regiment, becomes commander of Fifth Regiment, ASTP. Lt. Col. John S. Roosma, commander of Fifth Regiment, becomes commander of First Student Training Regiment. Lt. Col. William B. Forse, commander of Sixth Regiment, ASTP, returns to Aca-

demic Department of The Infantry School. Academic Profs capture first half baseball title in Infantry School League.

Order of Purple Heart awarded to Aux. 1st Class Elsie Fechner Eklof, in honor of her husband, killed in Tunisia.

Patio Grill, outdoor refreshment garden for regimented men, opened in conjunction with Exchange Cafeteria.

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the United States Army Ground Force, inspects The Infantry School.

Lieut. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, commanding general of the 2d Army, hero of American landing at Oran, inspects units of 2d Army at Fort Benning.

Jane Russell, hailed by Connoisseur Sgt. Carl Neu as America's loveliest and No. 1 pin-up girl, arrived in Columbus to catch hearts of every G. I. to flutter. Bayonet, despite shortage of materials, takes pictures of her, goes completely gaga with palpitation. (Ed's Note—And we'd like 22 more.)

The Infantry School activates Sixth Regiment, ASTP. Col. Robert Sharp assumes command. Six months course as laboratory technicians offered young girls at Unit 2, Station Hospital.

JULY 1943 Special Service Office inaugurates new series of G. I. Movies. First visit of Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank at Post.

War Department establishes Italian Prisoner of War Camp at Post.

Lt. Col. Julian B. Lindsay named Commanding officer of newly activated 515th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Five officers, one non-com, killed in crash of an Army Transport plane from Fort Benning near Saxe, Va.

First WAAC-soldier wedding celebrated when Corp. Claire Parton was married to Sgt. Ben Yuter by Chaplain Nathan Aaron Shain.

Academic Profs sweep series over The Parachute School to take Fort Benning baseball title.

Bill is approved to make WAACs part of Army; goes into effect Sept. 1.

Col. Ridgely Gaither assumes command of The Parachute School, replacing Brig. Gen. George P. Howell, who had served since its establishment.

Lt. Col. Francis L. Johnston commands 4th Battalion of 6th Training Regiment, ASTP. Charles P. Taft, director of Office of Community War Services of the Federal Security Agency, visits the Fort.

First S. T. R. "Red Sox," take first-half title in the Service League baseball championship race.

Maj. Gen. H. F. Hazlett, commanding general of the 1st Infantry and School command, visits post.

Lt. Col. I. Mims Gage, chief of surgical service, 2d General Hospital, ordered to Fourth Service Command headquarters, Atlanta, as consultant surgeon for the Service Command.

General Henri Honoré Giraud, commanding general of the French armies in North Africa, pays surprise visit to Fort.

A Fort Benning soldier was killed, two others recaptured, one injured seriously when the trio made a desperate attempt to escape from the stockade where they were confined.

tration of Army Post Office here, transferred to New Orleans. First colored company of WACS arrive.

Swimming and diving championship meet held in Russ Pool. Lt. Col. William T. Ryder, one of original officers of 501st Parachute Battalion at start of parachute training, later participant in African and Sicilian campaigns, returns to head 542nd Parachute Infantry.

Lieut. Col. James C. Hite, 23, commanding officer of the 515th Parachute Infantry, killed in a routine jumping accident.

Col. Wilson McK. Spann named commanding officer of the ASTP Basic Training Center.

More than 100 WACS awarded ribbons for service while the Corps was still Auxiliary Corps.

War Department removes wraps from "Bazookas," deadly anti-tank weapon, and pictures also permitted of anti-tank rifle grenades. Movie cameras record pictures of deadly weapons at Blackford range.

Italian prisoners of War celebrate capitulation of Italy with Te Deum mass.

176th Infantry Spirits climax second half baseball season by defeating Academic Profs in Ft. Benning's own "world series" to capture 1943 crown.

Lt. Col. Homer D. Wright named fiscal officer for post.

Col. Harry N. Burkhalter, commanding officer of The Academic Regiment, announces retirement, having reached automatic retirement age of 60.

Col. Jack L. Meyer, veteran of 34 years of Army service named Director of Supply, succeeding Col. Stephen B. Massey.

Lt. Col. Ulric N. James, commanding officer of Colored Reception Center, promoted to full colonel.

Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, retiring commanding general of Fort Benning, heads Muscogee County War Fund Campaign as first major civilian job.

Maj. Gen. Charles Hartwell Bonesteel, former commander of the United Nations forces in Iceland, is named as Commandant of The Infantry School, succeeding Maj. Gen. Leaven C. Allen, who had served since February, 1942.

OCTOBER 1943

Lieut. Col. Edward L. Littleton named post engineer, succeeding Col. Albert J. Bain, who retires.

Football season gets under way with match between 300th Sabers, 124th Infantry, 300th winning 19-7.

Post doubles bond quota during 3d War Loan drive, with almost a million dollars in.

Colonel William H. Hobson is named to succeed Brig. General Walter S. Fulton as commanding officer of Fort Benning. He comes here from duties in Washington, D. C.

First marble memorial plaque permanently installed in Chapel, honoring memory of late Col. Loren Prescott Stewart, killed while with the 51st Infantry on Bataan.

Five free bus-lines inaugurated for service of families living on Main Post.

Parachute School holds open house, with big-time journalists, photographers as guests.

Maj. Gen. M. E. Bethouart, head of the French mission to U. S. visits Fort Benning.

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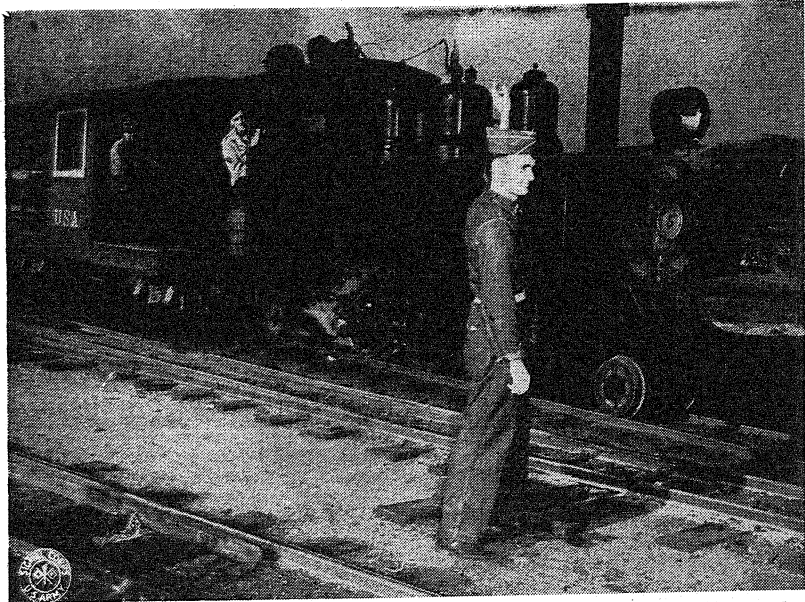
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CAPTAIN WILTON G. GAEFFE, assistant transportation officer at Fort Benning, is at the throttle of Engine No. 5 on the "Chattahoochee Choo-Choo," dinky railroad line at the post. Coupled at the rear is a special observation car with both indoor and outdoor seats constructed in 1935 primarily to conduct visiting dignitaries over the system. Signaling the captain is Staff Sergeant John W. Smith, chief dispatcher on the railway. He is from Slocumb, Alabama. Seated on the rail of the observation car is Technician Fifth Grade William M. Jackson of Troy, Ala. Both are enlisted men who work on the "Chattahoochee Choo-Choo." They are members of the Transportation Corps sub-section of the Supply Detachment, Supply Division, Section One, Fort Benning. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Benning Chattahoochee Choo-Choo Is One of Many Wonders of Post

Miniature Railways Play Vital Role In Transportation System

Though well-known to officers and officer candidates of Fort Benning's Infantry School, who ride it frequently, the post's miniature railroad system is the cause of astonishment and sometimes even envy to soldiers of the Sand Hill area and many a man stationed on the Main Post.

Fort Benning's GI's often stop and gaze with awe as the tiny Wilton G. Gaeffe, post transportation officer and assistant transportation officer, respectively, pull their load cross roads and highways. Few people know much about the railroad, which is the only one of its type on a military reservation in the United States.

In charge of operations are Capt. Charles W. McKeown and

line in 1921. After the track was down, the rolling stock was brought in and pressed into service in its new job.

ROLLING STOCK

The line boasts a rolling stock of 32 coaches, 53 flat cars, 105 gondolas, four tank cars, one work car and one special observation car.

The latter car, constructed in 1935, has indoor and outdoor seats and is used primarily to conduct visiting dignitaries over the line at Fort Benning. Practically every general officer in the infantry has ridden on the railway, according to old-timers at the roundhouse.

Locomotives on the line operate exactly like standard gauge engines, except that braking power is furnished by live steam. The tiny locomotives have six driving wheels, two pilot and two trailer wheels. They weigh 17 tons.

All cars have double truck and hand-operated mechanical brakes. Coupling is by means of a pink and pin system.

Biggest job of the "Chattahoochee Choo-Choo" is the transportation of student officers and officer candidates at Fort Benning's Infantry School to field problems. But the line also hauls logs, loads of finished wood, cinders and coal.

Although there are only 13.4 miles of track along the main line, the trains average more than 25,000 miles per year, and in a three-month period have hauled as many as 130,000 troops. Sometimes eight trains a day have been dispatched from the yards, but the average is five, according to Staff Sergeant John W. Smith, of Slocumb, Alabama, who is chief dispatcher.

The dispatcher's job is a big order with much responsibility at Fort Benning. Sergeant Smith has an assistant, Henry Lowe, a civilian, who is also an engineer on the railroad. Mr. Lowe came to Fort Benning an experienced railway man.

Spurs from the main line run to the numerous firing ranges at Fort Benning. Side tracks have been laid at points where troops disembark for classes in the field. Unique feature of the railroad and its only dissimilarity to standard gauge roads is the fact that there is no block or semaphore system on the route. Telephone system has been placed at strategic intervals along the track, and trainmen call the dispatcher from these boxes before entering a new stretch of track.

GREAT SAFETY RECORD

An outstanding safety record has been attained by the "dinky" line, which is a single track road. Occasional wrecks and accidents have occurred, but no fatality on the "Chattahoochee Choo-Choo" has ever been recorded, according to Captain Gaeffe.

Ten enlisted men, besides Sergeant Smith, and approximately 30 civilian employees man the railroad. The majority of them were railway employees before starting to work on the miniature Fort Benning line.

At the present time a "Y" is being laid at the terminus in Harmony Church. When the section is down, trains will be able to turn around, instead of running forward one way and backing in the other direction.

Maintenance of way along the line is handled by the engineer. The engines and rolling stock are kept in condition by the Fort Benning roundhouse, which at one time, was the only such military shop in the United States.

Now there is another at Holabird in Baltimore, Maryland, but the shop on the Georgia post still services all of the government locomotives in the Fourth Service Command, which is composed of the Southeastern states.

MASTER MECHANIC

Master mechanic at the Benning railroad shops is Fred Witaker, who has been at the post more than a score of years. Prior to coming to Fort Benning he had worked as master mechanic at the Norfolk (Virginia) Army base and had been general foreman of the Seaboard Railway and roundhouse foreman of the Illinois Central system.

The shops also employ mechanics, blacksmiths and expert tool and machine men.

Three other standard gauge locomotives under the supervision of Captain Gaeffe are also serv-

Death Rate of American Wounded Extremely Low

The death rate among American wounded in combat theaters is but 2 1/2 per cent, it was disclosed by Capt. William C. Tobin, orthopedic specialist at the Fort Benning station hospital. Capt. Tobin figures given by Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, surgeon general of the U. S. Army, at the annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons, from which he was quoting has just returned.

Captain Tobin said that these figures were given in reply to the all-familiar question of the service man, "What are my chances for survival?"

He added that the answer amounted to this: The American fighting man has the best chance of survival of any soldier in history, due to development of drugs in combating infections, and use of blood plasma in combating shock and hemorrhage.

Again quoting General Kirk, Captain Tobin said that the use of sulfa drugs has also reduced the number of amputations as compared to World War.

Captain Tobin, himself, presented a paper on "Parachute Injuries" in which he revealed that only 35 fatalities have occurred in more than 250,000 jumps at the U. S. Parachute School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and that the per cent of injuries in jump training had been reduced from 1.54 per cent during the first two years to 1 per cent at present.

COMMON CAUSES

He outlined the five most common causes of injuries as (1) cross wind currents; (2) uncontrolled oscillation; (3) irregularities of the terrain; and (4) landing in either a relaxed or too tense condition; and (5) ill-timing of the jump for contact with the ground.

Captain Tobin also predicted further reduction of injuries with development of a new landing technique in which the feet are held together, ankles touching. This enables jumpers to evenly more distribute landing impact.

In conclusion he remarked that the injury rate, as a whole, was almost incredibly low considering

TIS Men Want Wives With 'Em Now and Forever

Fifty-one members of the 10th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, answer an emphatic "Yes" to that favorite on recent Fort Benning quizzes, "Should Army wives follow their soldier spouses?"

They are the company's married students, here to attend the Officers Basic Course at The Infantry School, who have taken the housing bull by the horns and report meagre, though none the less real, victories. These fortunate joined battle aggressively in Columbus and emerged with modest quarters for their wives and families.

Family men in the 10th believe that the aid to morale in having loved ones nearby more than offsets the sacrifices all must make moving into humble homes in crowded Army centers. And the approach of Christmas adds an incentive to student officers who hope to play Santa to their little ones.

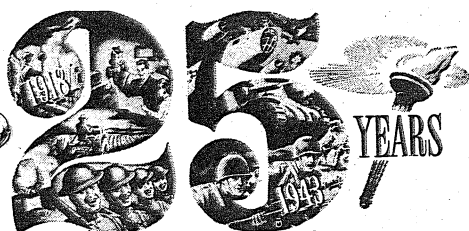


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Yes, it is twenty five years since the end of World War I, and we commemorate that Armistice in the middle of another, more critical, world wide conflict. A whole new generation has grown up since 1918—to find themselves living through the pages of history books. Nevertheless, that generation and the rest of us have been living all these years as free individuals, while across the seas have grown up terroristic dictatorships. We have learned to value true democracy more highly than ever before, and those who have threatened it causing this bitter battle, will never again dare risk the overpowering reproach we are visiting upon them.

This war is demanding more of us than the last war; it is the business of every democracy-loving citizen of the United States! Our goals are more clearly defin-



ed, and our staunch belief in the rightness of our cause is daily more intensified. We are determined that no matter how much it takes we and our Allies are going to be the victors! For that reason we are devoting our energies to the fullest capacity in workin gand serving on our home and production fronts. That task, and our purchases of War Bonds and Stamps are our across-the-earth handclasp with our courageous boys who are sacrificing so much more—fighting and dying on faraway battle fields.

We are set on making the Armistice to come more secure, than the Armistice of 1918. It must be the inauguration of a new and better, truly lasting peace. That is our pledge this November 11th to our democratic way of life, and to all our heroes who have fought in years past and are fighting now to preserve it.

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A far greater than 1,000 per cent profit will be realized from the victory garden planned by Headquarters Detachment, Section Two, Fort Benning. From an outlay of \$20 from company funds for seeds, produce to the equivalent of more than \$230 in commissary prices has already been harvested.

And the whole crop is not yet in, nor will it be for some time. The sweet potato patch is only now being dug up, and the winter garden is growing.

Huge sweet potatoes have been grown in the fertile soil. One weighed four pounds and four ounces, and another more than three and one-half pounds.

The project is conducted under the joint supervision of Maj. James Mitchell, commanding officer of Headquarters Detachment, Section Two, and Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, director of training at Fort Benning.

Yield from the garden is served on the mess tables of the detachment in addition to the regular rations drawn from the quartermaster. The summer's produce included such delicacies as watermelons and honey dew melons for men of the detachment, Col. Will related.

The garden is under the supervision of Staff Sergeant Merrell Simpson and Sergeant William Frazier, chief gardener. It is located on the Main Post at Fort Benning between the Infantry School stables and the post incident.

Reception Center Chaplain Forced to Work Very Fast

Two chaplains at the colored reception center, with an assistant, have imparted words of hope and faith in God as well as to thousands of negro troops themselves during the past year.

With the troops arriving and departing constantly the chaplains have a job at this big reception center not found in ordinary chaplain's work. They must contact the men at once and get them to understand what a religious life can mean to them in the army as well as elsewhere. Not only must this be done soon, but it must be done thoroughly, or the men will not benefit from it in time.

On the religious side the chaplains are primarily concerned with bringing this service to the men, no matter what their faith may be. These services are held in the reception hall, the mess hall, and out of doors during the warmer months. Wherever the place the army religious leader attempts to bring to the soldiers the Word of God as a way of life that brings the most to life and the best assurance of individual peace and happiness. Men wishing to join a church are baptized and their churches at home notified of their affiliation with the particular church that the soldier

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LT. COL. C. A. WILL, director of training at Fort Benning, holds in his left hand a sweet potato which weighed four pounds and four ounces and was grown in the victory garden of Headquarters Detachment, Section Two. Sergeant William Frazier, Route 2, Box 29, Sumpter, S. C. (kneeling) hands the colonel another which was found to weigh more than three and one-half pounds. Some idea of the enormity of the sweet potatoes can be gained by contrasting them with ordinary-sized potatoes still lying on the ground. Corporal Arthur McCray, Route 3, Box 63, Crandall, Miss., is at the plow on the left. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Army Travels On Its Stomach So Benning Raises Some Food

Fighting men and civilian personnel at Fort Benning believe in backing every single phase of the war effort, even when it comes to following horticultural pursuits in their off-time to produce "food for victory" in victory gardens.

Not satisfied with engaging solely in training activities in tanks, planes, on foot or via parachute, nor with going far over the top in war fund and war bond drives and blood donations, personnel at Fort Benning have met a remarkable production record in gardening during their spare time.

Typical of victory gardens at the post are those of five different units, one an enterprise of civilian employees of the exchange, three of them by colored organizations, and one by the convalescent patients at Station Hospital Number 2.

A 30-acre farm is the working project of the Service Battalion of the Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, which is run under the supervision of Captain Jack D. West, commanding officer of Company C of the battalion. No less than 11,000 ears of corn were harvested by the group, with 50 bushels of the corn dried and made into corn meal. Five hundred watermelons, traditionally a favorite food of colored troops, and two bushels of cantaloupes were produced this summer to tickle the palates of soldiers in the battalion during the month of August, while two bushels of tomatoes and beans were gathered during the same period. Four acres of beans and snap beans and an acre of onions, black-eyed peas, watermelons and mustard greens were cultivated. Other vegetables grown include butterbeans, lettuce, carrots, beets, spinach, rutabagas, turnips and radishes. New plantings were made during the month of September to provide additional fresh vegetables for soldiers during the fall months.

SOLDIER FARMERS

Mess halls of Headquarters Detachment, Section II, Fourth Service Command, a colored unit at Fort Benning, were provided with vegetables valued at several hundred dollars from a Victory Garden tended by the enlisted men of the organization. Seeds for the garden were bought out of company funds. According to Major James A. Mitchell, commanding officer of the detachment, 100 pounds of butter beans, six hampers of snap beans, two sacks of beets, six crates each of cabbage and cantaloupes, seven bushels of sweet corn, four bushels of cucumbers, two crates of lettuce, 15 bushels of okra, 100 pounds of black-eyed peas, one crate of peppers, a good yield of sweet potatoes which have not been harvested entirely, five bushels of squash, 12 lugs of tomatoes, four hampers of turnips and 200 watermelons have been grown. The garden is under the direction of Major Mitchell and Lt. Col. C. A. Mills, director of training at the post.

The other colored unit on the post having an outstanding Victory Garden is the Reception Center, which is commanded by Col. Ulric N. James. Vegetables harvested include six bushels of green onions, eight bushels of eggplant, five bushels of beets, 35 bushels of green beans, eight bushels of okra, 50 bushels of green corn, 65 bushels of tomatoes, 15 bushels of cabbage, 21 bushels of peas, eight bushels of summer squash and two bushels of green peppers.

The vegetables harvested were used in the Reception Center Mess Number 3, which is maintained for the permanent cadre. The permanent cadre and officers in the organization tended the garden after their regular daily tasks were done. Due to a great influx of troops in the ASP program, the garden space will be utilized most that they can get in cheer and uplift. The two chaplains doing this are 1st Lt. Charles B. Hodge and 1st Lt. William Dickson, assisted by Sgt. Van J. Malone, under the general direction of Col. Frank M. Thompson.

for housing troops rather than for agricultural troops this winter.

BUMPER CROP

Typical of individual Victory Gardens by officers and enlisted men on the post is the garden of Colonel James, who never before had grown a vegetable, and to whom gardening was a new and strange enterprise. Nonetheless, the colonel had difficulty in convincing his neighbors that he was not an experienced gardener when he began bringing in his crop. One egg plant, for example, was eight inches in diameter, while—to this farm editor at least—is a whole of an egg plant.

Canned by the Colonel were 11 cans of peppers, 23 cans of tomatoes and two cans of onion relish, for those of his guests who might relish onions. In his garden plot of 50 by 100 feet, he also was able to furnish several of his neighbors with radishes, onions, squash, tomatoes, string beans and okra, as well as cabbage and lettuce. The Reception Center's Officers' Mess. Now a gardening enthusiast, the colonel has planted a winter garden of turnips, greens, collars and tomatoes.

Civilian employees of the Fort Benning Exchange are cultivating a 25-acre garden which already

The Bayonet, Thursday, November 11, 1943

Has produced 500 bushels of vegetables of different kinds which were delivered to the Exchange Grocery and the Exchange Cafeteria.

Harvested by the end of August were 2,200 pounds of Irish potatoes, 1,000 pounds of tomatoes, 100 bushels of egg plants, 100 bushels of beans, 50 bushels each of corn and peppers, 50 bushels of okra, 15 bushels of peas, 50 bushels of squash, and 40 bushels of cucumbers. Fall acreage under cultivation include 10 acres of sweet potatoes, one acre each of turnips and spinach, half an acre each of onions and carrots, and a quarter acre of beets, rutabagas and mustard.

Success of the garden, according to Exchange officers, is due to the efforts of Samps A. Bell, foreman, who has been an Exchange employee for 10 years and who operates an Exchange Farm on what was known as the Old Bradley area, known today as the Lawson Field area.

Convalescent patients at Station Hospital Number 2 at Fort Benning spend at least part of their time and energy in reconditioning themselves by cultivating an acre and a half plot to provide fresh vegetables for the Patients' Mess. By the latter part of August the patients had harvested 784 ears of corn, 234 pounds of lima beans, 774 pounds of tomatoes, 38 pounds of bell peppers, 40 pounds of squash and 188 pounds of field peas.

Captain John A. Bell, Jr., director of the reconditioning program for convalescent patients, estimates an additional 40-50 pounds of bell peppers, around 200 pounds of lima beans, 100 pounds of egg plants, 400-500 pounds of string beans, plus turnip salad.

As soon as the crop is completely harvested, the patients begin preparing the ground for another crop, which is planted as soon as the ground is ready. Plans are made to have a year-round garden, planting as large a variety as possible within any one season.

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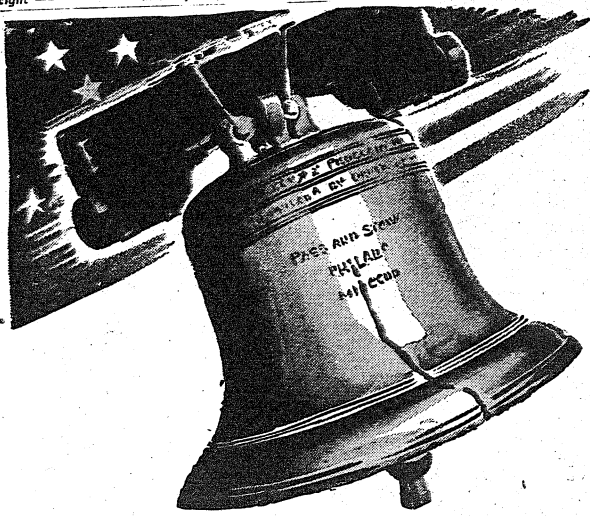
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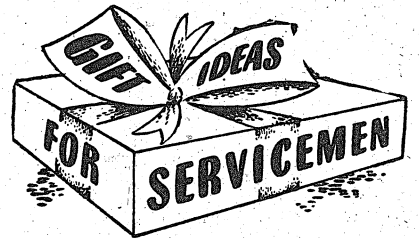
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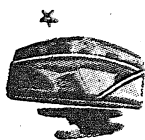
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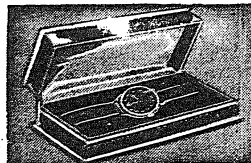
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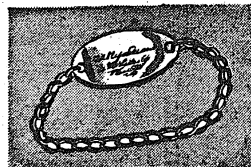
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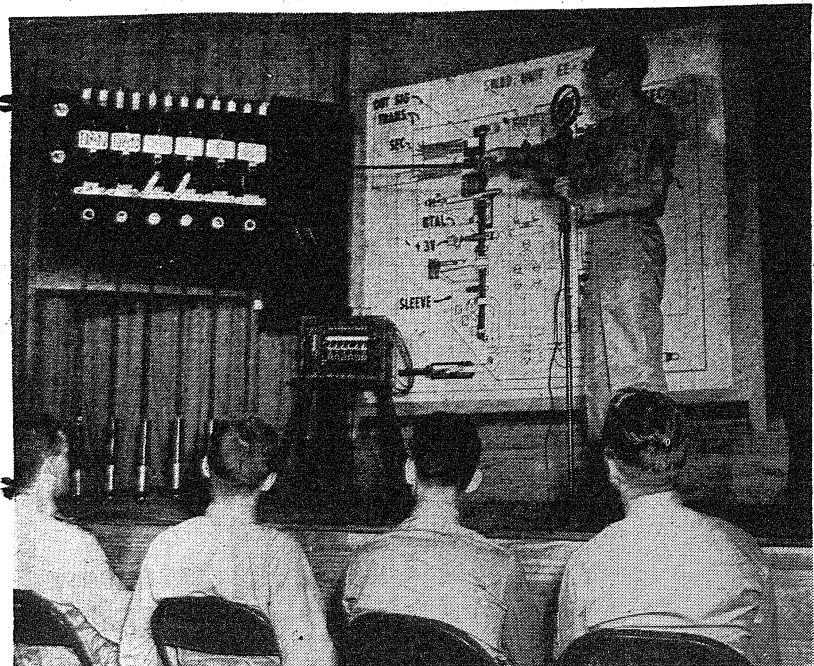


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THIS IS A BUSY SECTION of the Code Room in the Communication Section of The Infantry School where, among other things, officers and enlisted personnel learn to receive and send in the Morse Code. This group is on the receiving end of messages transmitted by phonograph records. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

THIS IS ENLARGED MODEL used to demonstrate the intricacies of a telephone switchboard to a class at the Communication Section of The Infantry School. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Communications Section Is Pride of the Infantry School

Most Modern Equipment Provided To Give Trainee Every Advantage

A section of which The Infantry School is exceedingly proud is its Communication Section under whose direction two of the School's courses are presented. These are the Enlisted Communication Course and the Officers' Communication Course. A course for Enlisted Radio repair men is about to open in additional buildings with excellent equipment.

The physical setup for the Communication Section is elaborate, and its equipment is the most modern obtainable. Housed in a large group of new buildings on the Main Post, their classes are conducted in well lighted, up-to-the-minute lecture halls and laboratories. Their new code room, a model of efficiency, is a source of admiration to all visitors.

The Infantry School's method of code instruction by use of phonograph records has proven so successful that it has been adopted as a standard method for the Army. Even the Signal Corps, the branch which specializes in communication, had adopted the Infantry School method of teaching the subject.

The method is simple. An ideal reaching arrangement is not practical in a large school. The phonograph takes the place of that instructor. For the earlier lessons the man cutting the record gives the phonetic name of a letter and then signs the code sound of that letter so that the student learns to associate the code sound with rhythm with the appropriate letter. On the records used for the more advanced lessons, the instructor uses a code key instead of signing the code vocally.

CODE ROOM. The code room is set up with rows of tables at which the students sit. By means of small partitions, the tables are divided into individual booths, each equipped with a set of ear phones and a key. Through these phones the students receive code sent from the phonograph records, from code tapes, or tapped out on a key by one of the instructors. Frequently, code copy is sent up off the air by radio receiving sets and rerouted to the tables. This gives the students

weather and partly at night. The officers, on the other hand, are required to receive and send only eight words per minute. The reason for this difference in requirement is that the Officers' Communication Course devotes only 70 hours to code practice as against 216 hours for the enlisted men. The officers devote much of their time to wire communication and tactical application, of which the E. C. C. men get little. In general, the enlisted operators are concerned with the technical and operational aspects of radio; whereas the officers deal more with tactical details. In order to train the large number of radio operators required for modern warfare, the enlisted classes are trained in two shifts, with training in progress from 0545 to 2130 daily, except Sunday.

The standards of the Communication Section of The Infantry School are high. Code is sent in groups of five characters numbers mixed with letters. A man who qualifies as a 13-word operator at this school using these mixed groups is able to handle mixed groups in progress from 0545 to 2130 daily, except Sunday.

TWO COURSES. The two communication courses taught here differ widely in requirements, scope, and content. The Enlisted Communication Course is actually a course for field operators and places greatest stress on code speed with 13 words per minute as the minimum requirement for graduation. Many of the operators reach 18 or 20 or even 22 words before they complete the course. Enlisted men are also required to pass a stiff performance test in the field, after 116 hours of outdoor radio operation performed regardless of

the interior arrangement of command posts. Twenty-two hours of the course are devoted to map aerial photograph reading, and practical work in map reading is included in all tactical exercises. The school encourages these officer students to use their own initiative in solving all problems and will accept any plausible solution as correct. At the end of the course they spend almost 100 hours in the field performing every duty that enlisted men under them will later perform.

Eight hours of the course are spent in automotive instruction. This covers all types of Infantry motor vehicles and the proper method of loading them. It includes the selection and training of drivers. Lectures are given on field expedients with motor vehicles, and the maintenance and inspection of those vehicles.

FIELD TRAINING. During the field training, all students in both courses actually operate the radios over an extended area. Ground to air communication is maintained with some of the students riding in an airplane and communicating with other students on the ground. A few hours are spent on visual and sound signaling, including panels, pyrotechnic signals, and flags and lamps. The use of sound as a means of communication is discussed.

Consequently, students in both courses under the Communication Section get the best possible training in communication. When they graduate from this school, the E. C. C. return to their units as chiefs, and the Officer Communication graduates are capable communication officers. In order to get the benefit of experience and to learn how their graduates perform, the school has sent observers out to all maneuvers conducted by the army to technicians, executive officers of its graduates and the operation of Infantry communication material.

THE STAFF. Chief of the Communications Section is Col. A. Byrne. His executive officer is Lt. Col. T. J. Moran. Capt. G. W. McLellan is secretary of the Section and Mr. F. C. Benfield, CWO, is assistant secretary.

Lt. Col. R. R. Creighton heads the Radio and Visual committee; Capt. T. H. Monroe, Jr., the Wireless and Message Center committee; and Lt. Col. B. T. Workizer, the Tactical Application committee.

The Supply personnel is headed by Capt. T. Tedesco assisted by Tech. Sgt. H. E. Folk.

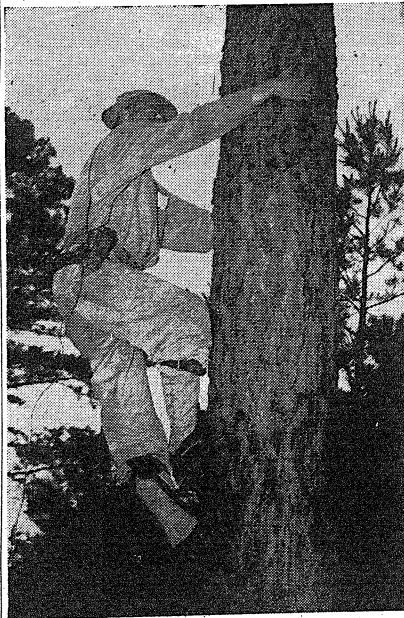
Instructors are mainly concerned with the enlisted students are Mr. L. C. Tyler, WO, and Mr. J. M. Hammond, WO, in the radio section; Mr. Y. T. Newberry, WO, in the wire section; and Mr. J. E. Prince, WO, in the Message Center.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INFANTRY SCHOOL.

The students in the Enlisted Radio Operators' course are enlisted men selected in the various Infantry regiments who have a high code aptitude or previous communication experience, either civilian or military. They are supposed to have attained at least five words per minute before they are sent here. They come to Fort Benning on detached service from their permanent units, and they return to those units after completing the course. This is officially known as an advanced service school, and all men sent here as privates are given the rank of Private First Class automatically. If they fail to pass the course, they may be subsequently discharged.

OFFICERS' COURSE. The Officers' Communication Course is made up of commissioned officers who have been selected to become communication officers of their regiments or battalions, and they too return to their permanent stations at the end of the twelve weeks' training. Some officers are taken directly from the Officer Candidate School. Usually these are former communication men whose ability and experience warrants giving them another three months of a school.

Greatest stress in the officers' course is placed on tactical application. Officer students receive training in tactics and communication for every form of operation in an Infantry regiment may make such as attack, defense, river crossing, night withdrawal, and pursuit. They learn to select command posts and axes of signal communication. They study the laying of wire lines to supporting and subordinate units, and



OVERHEAD CROSSING is the term applied to this portion of the Communication Course of The Infantry School in which pupils are taught to string wires from tree to tree to prevent them from being broken through movement of troops or vehicles on the ground. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Six newly appointed Warrant Officers who are also assigned to the enlisted section are Mr. F. R. Greenwood, Mr. B. B. Phillips, Mr. T. W. Gloystein, Radio Field Nets; Mr. A. A. Sweet, Jr., Radio Repair Shop; Mr. I. A. Stannard and Mr. S. G. Swink, Code Room.

Non-commissioned shop personnel who hold key jobs are M-Sgt. E. M. Juneau, T-Sgt. L. E. Cham and E. R. Rapp, Radio Shop, and T-Sgt. W. G. Thornell, Wire Shop. These are the men behind the scenes.

'Chute School Promotes 17 Enlisted Men

Seventeen enlisted men of the Parachute School have been promoted to higher grades, according to an announcement of the Parachute School.

Eleven of the promotions were enlisted men of Headquarters and Service Company, Corporal Grant Green, technician fourth grade, Robert H. Stafford and Sergeant Thomas A. Kepner were raised to staff sergeants, Technician Fourth Grade Lawrence P. Fitzsimmons was elevated to technician third grade, and Technician Fifth Grade Solonius I. Elieheriou and Privates First Class Edward S. Saroka, Raymond C. Randall, Charles P. DeCarlo and Joseph W. Tirpik were promoted to technicians fourth grade. Private Beverly K. Anderson was raised to corporal, and Private Owen W. Prescott was promoted to technician fifth grade.

Four promotions went to men of Headquarters of The Parachute School. Staff Sergeant Richard E. Zimmerman was promoted to technician sergeant and Private First Class John A. Crane was elevated to sergeant. Private Russell J. Koutal was promoted to technician fourth grade, and Private David Ross made technician fifth grade.

In the receiving company on the Parachute School, Sergeant Leonard R. Schwer was promoted to technician sergeant, and Technician Fourth Grade Lawrence Stratton was raised to staff sergeant.

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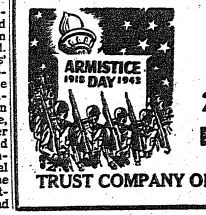
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Many changes in organization and physical equipment have brought this out, with little initial cost and much saving in man power and overhead, it is pointed out.

Careful marking of the drive-ways, and the definite marking of vehicles, together with carefully planned arrangement of equipment has brought order from a hit-or-miss system employed some time in the past, drivers state. They are enthusiastic over the new idea of enforcing the rules and regulations posted in the pool, with non-exception to those favored with rank, and say that it adds much to the efficiency of the whole place.

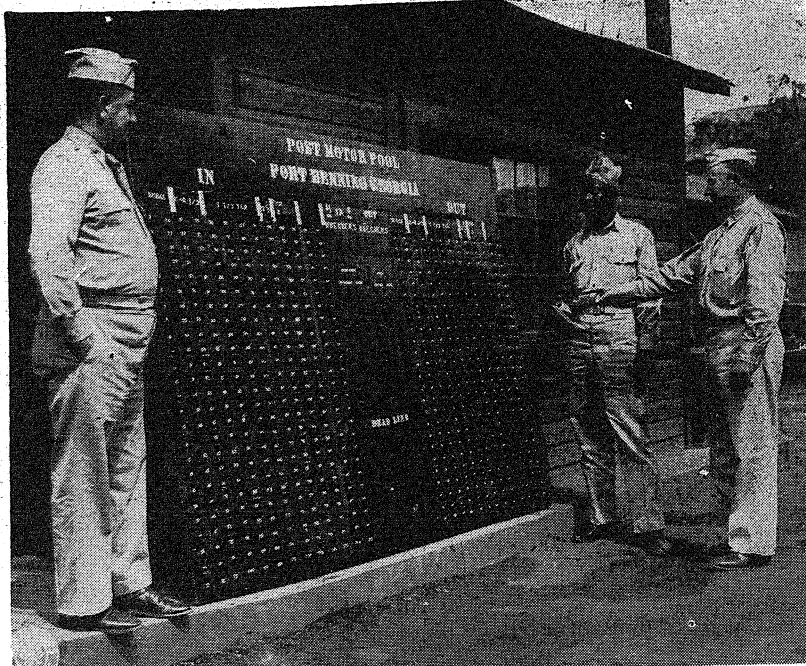
Changes for smoothness of operation of the whole place, however, was the installation of the new dispatching board at the entrance station.

Non-commissioned officers, drivers, and other enlisted personnel in the pool, as well as the civilian mechanics are all colored, and to these men the director, First Lieutenant Armando Vinciguerra, pays special tribute for their fine spirit and cooperation with him in making the place gain the enviable reputation that it now holds. Lt. Col. Charles Carlton, assistant chief of the ordnance branch, under which the pool operates, expressed himself as highly pleased with the wonderful showing that the pool is making.

"We supply motor vehicles for the Post departments," Lt. Vinciguerra states, "upon proper orders, anything from a half-ton to a 'cattle' van. I think our biggest contribution to a better condition here is our improvement in accident conditions and our cut in the number of vehicles now used to do an increased amount of work. For the past 30 days there has been no major accident at all, and we are using only 200 vehicles to do what 250 vehicles were doing two months ago."

KNOWS JOB

Lt. Vinciguerra, according to Colonel Carlton, was picked to do this job here because of his record in military life and in his army showing on the same kind of a job at Camp Rucker, Ala. The records show that the lieutenant was conducting a service station



MODERN, EFFICIENT DISPATCH BOARD, used by the Post Motor Pool in handling their motor vehicles, is inspected by Lt. Col. Charles Carlton, assistant chief of the Ordnance Branch and in charge of motor pools. First Lieutenant Armando Vinciguerra, director of the Post Pool, orders a change made by Dispatcher Derrett Rawls, as a vehicle starts out of the pool for service. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo)

Long Distance Calls Are Sure Index To Pay Day At Benning

You could almost tell when the paymaster pays off by keeping your eye on the public telephones at Fort Benning. Payday usually brings a rush for the telephone to call Mom, the girl friend, or the wife.

And when the rush is heavy, there is usually delay in getting calls placed or getting them completed, or probably both.

As camp telephone manager, L. A. Wood points out the

telephone lines and switchboards are crowded even during a normal wartime day, but when there is anything extra like a payday rush, they really have a load to carry. When too many calls are made at the same time, some must wait.

The telephone company cannot build enough lines to handle all calls pressed, before the war, because the raw materials they would use are going to war.

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Welcomed to The Infantry School by Col. Bernard A. Byrne, chief of the Communication Section, Lt. Col. William B. Zeller, Fourth Battalion commander, and Capt. Charles E. Farmer, commander of the 24th Company, First Student Training Regiment, the latest enlisted radio class took off to a flying start. It turned out to be blind flying, though, when the future communication specialists were turned out of warm bunks long before dawn and marched to their "swinging shift" 0545 to 1245—classes.

Colonel Byrne explained the necessity for "two-a-day" schedules. In response to an urgent need for qualified radio operators in combat, he said, The Infantry School is now turning out the best radio men on a mass production basis.

With a maze of vari-colored shoulder patches and the interesting collection of regimental insignia adorning their uniforms, the "cager beavers" showed themselves a cross-section of our expanded Army. Campaign ribbons were in abundance, many with the familiar star earned in combat. While the Infantry claims most of the class, Field Artillery, Ski Troops and Paratroopers were represented, all ready, willing and eager to delve into the mysteries of walky-talkies and wire nets.

"A likely looking group," agreed both company officers and instructors. "These doughboys will soon help win battles on the wave lengths."

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and a new car agency when he joined the New Jersey National Guard in 1936. He just couldn't keep out, he said, because the new war was coming, and he had spent 14 months overseas in the 83rd Division in World War I. Because of his previous service and his knowledge he soon became a sergeant and later a first sergeant in the Field Artillery, 44th Division.

The new war came on in earnest after Pearl Harbor, and motor experience was very much needed. Sergeant Vinciguerra was not only trained in motor transit, motor mechanics, and motor vehicle executive things, but knew the army language and quirk to go with it. This placed him in line as an expert, so he was commissioned a first lieutenant and sent to the Army Graduate Specialist's School of Motor Transport at Halobird, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he graduated and was sent to Camp Rucker.

Both Colonel Carlton and Lieutenant Vinciguerra agree that another factor in the setup should not be overlooked in the credit for the splendid showing of this pool, and that is the office force. These four civilian women, headed by Mrs. Margaret Hensberger, and including Mrs. Evelyn K. Grizendine, Mrs. Beatrice Super, and Miss Marie Daniels; two civilian men clerks, Henry Peagler and G. Z. Aldridge; the inspector, Warren Walker, and the shop foreman, C. C. Kay, with the officers, make up the only white personnel in the 210 men organization.

Whereas the Lieutenant said that every last man was doing his part to keep the pool up to the new standard set, he felt that special mention should be made of certain key leaders among the colored personnel. Included in this group are: Staff Sgt. Guss Reynolds, truck-master; Staff Sgt. Edward Whitefield, charge of buses; Staff Sgt. E. C. Robertson, section leader; Staff Sgt. Booker T. Cole, section leader; Staff Sgt. John Goodwin, Jr., inspection department; Cpl. Sam B. Jackson, chief dispatcher; Pvt. Robert N. Payne, night dispatcher, and Sgt. Derrett Rawls, gas tank.

Post's Inspector General Is Fact-Finding Agent for Army

The Post Inspector General for Fort Benning is Lt. Col. James R. Johnson, the man whose business it is to find the facts about everything on the post and to know the laws and regulations governing these facts so found.

It is an exacting job, but in no way spectacular, and the man at the head of it here has been well trained in Army things generally and to do his work well and without ostentation.

The Colonel is a veteran of World War I, and came into the service in this war in January 1941, reporting to Camp Shelby, then to Benning for advanced training. In 1942 he returned from Atlanta to Benning as Police and Prison Officer. In April of this year he was appointed to the present position, and went to Washington to get training under Maj. General Virgil L. Peterson. He returned about three months ago and is writing history in efficiency in this all-important assignment in Fort Benning.

To the average soldier inspectors and inspections are things to be abhorred. In the way of something though, that must be taken with service in the Army and endured in some way or other.

NECESSARY EVIL

But without in speculations, in the broader sense of the word, and the extending up of all Post inspections in the person of one ranking officer, a great military post would not function smoothly and not at all after a short time.

The matters to which the Post Inspector attends include inquiring into all matters pertaining to the efficiency of a command, and to assist the commander and his troops in the performance of their duties. He learns the nature of the conduct, discipline, living conditions, and morale of units and individuals; the condition of arms, equipment and supplies; and the economical, efficient and lawful expenditure of funds and property. An inspector general must do all this without bias or favor and be entirely impartial in all judgments, basing his decisions on fact and not on opinions of his own or others.

I. G.'S JOB

In particular and in detail this duty includes attention to such matters as proper handling of company funds; why a certain soldier on guard wears civilian shoes when he should wear regulation ones, are all the fire extinguishers filled so they can be used in the emergency that may arise any time? Are all the boxes in the warehouse filled with merchandise as labeled or are they dummys? Are kitchen neat? Is the food served clean? Does grit get into cans used to measure out oil? Are all weapons in shape mechanically for use? Are GI cars used only for GI purposes? Do old rags or trash

Most Modern Methods Employed In Post School

Officials Koyo Hit and Miss Plan For Real Efficiency

Fourteen teachers, under the supervision of Principal Annie Lou Grimes, are handling the 300 children in the Fort Benning Children's School this fall.

Attendance is down about 100 pupils from last year due to the fact that Baker Village now has a school of its own to care for a large group of students who formerly attended school at Fort Benning.

This school was established in 1922 with three teachers and 60 children, but many of the children of that time were heirs to great names that flash across the world now as their fathers gather fame leading the American armies of this global war. The children also have grown to leaders in their own right, such as Major Joseph Stillwell, Jr., and Major Wood Joerg, and a long list of captains and lieutenants now in the conflict.

These men, and the women who were little girls then, all remember Miss Grimes, and frequently visit her on their return to Fort Benning for the many reasons that military men come to the post and bring their wives.

PHYSICAL PLANT

In this modern school is modern equipment that includes such aids as visual and auditory education. The new school auditorium is used for assemblies to put these devices of light and sound into effect. The building itself is very modern with eight classrooms, a manual training shop, domestic science rooms, an art room, office and reception rooms, and the auditorium. Teachers and their assignments this year include: Kindergarten, 4 years old, Miss Virginia Jones, and 5 years old, Miss Nellie Porter.

First grade, Miss Margaret Ellison; second grade and music, Miss Emily Stephenson; second and third grade, Mrs. J. W. Matthews; third grade, Miss Susan Colquitt; fourth grade, Mrs. Bess Lockhart.

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Post Director of Training Has Dawn to Dawn Task

While the argument between the "chairborne command" and the line soldier rages, Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, director of training on the staff of Col. William H. Hobson, post commander, prepares plans and policies for and supervises the training of all elements of the Station Complement to make those troops as good as any.

In addition to supervising the training of Fourth Service Command units, Col. Will is also charged with the same task for tactical units assigned to the service command here at the post for training. These troops are Army Service Forces units and include medical, quartermaster, ordnance, military police, and Army postal organizations.

The director of the training division, or S-2, maintains records of the status of training of all units, both soldier and WAC, under the control of the post commander. Organizations submit training schedules to his office for approval and forwarding to headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. Col. Will is assisted in this paper work by his secretary, Miss Christine Stewart.

The colonel's work also calls for the construction of barracks and field inspections and supervision of reviews of troops under the jurisdiction of the post commander. Other phases of the training division's task specify for periodic drills and the exhibition of training films.

CONSTRUCTION WORK

Col. Will makes arrangements for additional construction required for training and for training aids. A new gas chamber was constructed recently, and now, under the direction of Capt. Charles S. Black, post chemical warfare service officer, troops pass through it every 60 days.

Training in the use of Army weapons is by no means neglected. A group of more than 30 officers from Post Headquarters recently



IN ONE OF HIS VARIOUS DUTIES, Lt. Col. C. A. Will is shown above functioning as range officer on Simpson pistol range where more than 30 officers in the Fourth Service Command fired for record.

fired the Army pistol for record, and last spring Station Complement troops, including men from D. E. M. L. and the Quartermaster, qualified with the rifle. Training ammunition is estimated at every 60 days.

Frequently ASF units stationed in Atlanta, where there are not adequate range facilities, come to Fort Benning for their training in that phase of Army life. Here they fire on the rifle, pistol, anti-aircraft, moving target and machine gun range and qualify on the infiltration course.

On the latter course officer and enlisted personnel are given mental conditioning under simulated battle conditions. Machine guns spray bullets little more than three feet above the ground, and soldiers crawl beneath this and between exploding dynamite charges and bomb craters to their objective.

A group of nurses from Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta was put through the course recently. More than 3,000 officer and enlisted personnel have qualified on the course, under the supervision of Col. Will.

BUSY DAYS

His day is obviously quite a busy one, but director of training at Fort Benning is not Col. Will's only job. He is also permanent field officer of the day, charged with securing troops for the Main Guard and seeing that the guard fulfills its duty. He is seen at guard mount every morning at 9 o'clock.

The colonel's energies are also directed toward the drive for the collection of vital scrap metals, of which 1,100 tons have been gathered from all over Fort Benning. Col. Will is proudest, however, of his discovery of the "Benning iron mine," an old dumping

1st STR Unit Claims Food Waste Record

Capt. Arthur L. Anderson, post food and nutrition officer, proudly announced that the Second Company of the First Student Training Regiment had set a record in food wastage of all officers messes in the United States. This company, which feeds 166 officers, had 23 pound edible waste per day, per man, which is one of the lowest percentages ever attained by any officers mess in the United States Army.

This record was outstanding in view of the fact that it was a spot-check and not one for which everybody was prepared. In addition to that fine record, in a nutritional analysis this company proved to have food quality far surpassing Army standards. This "good-food intake" showed that the men were very well fed considering the fact that they had thrown away such a small percentage of food.

Captain Anderson said in his report: "Food preparation in the company was excellent during the period of the survey. The mess sergeant is a capable manager and the cooks are extremely skillful in the preparation of palatable dishes. They take considerable pride in their work; as a consequence, the meals are attractive and tasty. The kitchen and mess halls are clean, orderly and attractive."

Fite Fights Slithering Snake Storming Sleeve

Candidate Kelly V. Fite of the Seventh Company, Third Student Training Regiment, had something up his sleeve. It was the map reading problem and the hour was 2300. The night was black and the silence in the woods was disturbed only by an occasional snapping of a twig under the foot of some cautious candidate.

Suddenly there was a sharp utterance of surprise and amazement. Fite began dancing and stripping off his clothes. In stunned silence the other two candidates watched for a few seconds and then began trying to ascertain their fellow-candidate's difficulty. But all in vain—he kept stripping.

Finally there was a sigh of relief—an emphatically real one. The candidate sat down on the ground, underwear half on, half off. Then the truth came out. As Fite had reached for a long branch to pull himself out of a small ditch, a snake had slithered up his sleeve. The unusual actions had been satisfactorily accounted for. The trio moved off on their stumbls.

QUEER PROMOTED

The promotion of Harry E. Queer from second lieutenant to first lieutenant was announced here recently by Col. Henry J. Hunt, Jr., commanding officer of the 300th Infantry Regiment, in which Lieutenant Queer is serving as platoon leader of Co. H.

place near the post incinerator from which 471 tons of metal were extracted. Three and three-quarter tons of this were found to be old copper, brass and aluminum, much of which had to be sluice-mined.

The Red Cross water safety classes conducted last summer were a part of the plans and training work of Col. Will. In these classes men were taught to swim with a full field pack; to swim through burning oil floated on top of water; how to inflate barracks bags, GI shirts and trousers for buoyancy, and many other bits of information on water safety which may mean the difference between life and death.

And so the work of transforming men and women from all walks of life into good soldiers and WACs goes on. That is the mission of the training division—"to prepare plans and policies for, and to supervise the training of, all elements of the Station Complement and also for the tactical units assigned to the Service Command for supervision of training."

'Human Slide Rule' Baffles Mates With Numbers Tricks

Mathematics, the nemesis of many newly-arrived candidates, seems to have met a master at Fort Benning in the person of Candidate Aubrey M. Kemper of the 14th company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry school. A personified combination of slide-rule and adding machine, Kemper has bewildered his buddies with the art of black magic in figures beyond the realm of cadence count since his arrival at The Infantry School.

Local classification experts have likewise scratched their heads in amazement at the results of Kemper's two meetings with the Army General Classification test. At his reception center and at the latest Infantry school test, Kemper answered every question. To prove the first success was not a hit-or-miss affair, Kemper finished the second with five minutes to spare.

Bewildering people has its moments of monotony. So, a week ago Candidate Kemper decided to roll down his sleeves and give up the role of a Houdini number man. Much to the comfort of his barracks buddies, he resolved to share his knowledge of mathematics by coaching the boys for the coming platoon leader's computation test. Every session in the improvised barracks school has been packed with candidates eager to re-learn their grade school lessons on fractions, decimals and proportions.

The "numbers racket" is an old game for Candidate Kemper. At his birth, so the story goes, he surged the attending doctor's license plate number. For six years before his induction into the army, Kemper taught mathematics in Funderme school, Raritan, N. J. He spent part of his sixth year as principal of that institution. During that time he composed several texts on mathematics and courses of arithmetic study now used in

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HERE'S A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION among editors of regimental newspapers and representatives of Public Relations Units, all members of the Fort Benning Press Association. It's a typical meeting of enlisted men who get together to discuss their problems, exchange ideas and negotiate working agreements. Left to right around the table are Sgt. Charles W. Voorhis of The Infantry School Public Relations Office; Pfc. S. A. Keitel, representing the Post Public Relations Office and the BAYONET, weekly newspaper for the entire Post of Fort Benning; Sgt. John Naylor, President of the FBPA and editor of the PINE BUR, paper for the ASTP Basic Training Center; Cpl. John Fitzgibbons, editor of the 300th SABER; S. Sgt. N. A. Rankow, sports editor of the PINE BUR and Pfc. Leon Shapiro, representing the 176th SPIRIT. Representatives of the REGIMENTAL MIRROR, 124th ALLIGATOR, THE SHAVETAILED and TAILSKID are missing from the photo. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)



DSC Winner From Pacific Takes Course

After nine months' action in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre, where he won both Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross on Guadalcanal, 1st Lieutenant Frederick A. Schaefer III has reported to The Infantry School to pursue the Officers Advanced Course. He will be attached to the 1st Student Training Regiment's 4th Company, commanded by Captain Sam H. Barrow.

Schaefer, a reserve officer only 22 years old, entered active service in June 1942 and lost little time getting into the thick of fighting in the Solomons. Assaulting the final Jap stand on Guadalcanal, Lieutenant Schaefer led his unit to break their desperate last-ditch resistance. Successful, his attack helped end the threat to the island and Henderson Field and brought him the coveted decorations.

During the final five days of the fight, his battalion had been pinned down by heavy Jap machine gun fire. At the head of his rifle platoon, Lieutenant Schaefer was seriously wounded while wiping out the enemy gunners. But he carried on until they had been silenced and his battalion could fulfill its mission of driving the last Nips from Guadalcanal.

Lieutenant Schaefer led many patrols which penetrated Japanese positions and came to know them from intimate contact. "Japs are inhumanly tenacious and fanatical. They should be treated as animals," he observed. "Tricky," they are experts at camouflage. Although inaccurate rifleshooting, the Japs use mortars effectively, both their own small grenade projectors and 60-mm's they had captured from us."

Lieutenant Schaefer is the son of F. A. Schaefer, Jr., of Honolulu, T. H.

CAPTAIN IMHOFF
Lt. Christian W. Imhoff, Jr., classification officer at The Parachute School, has been promoted to captain. Captain Imhoff entered the Army January 23, 1942, and graduated in the fourth Officer Candidate Class at The Infantry School, Fort Benning. He attended the Adjutant General's School, Fort Washington, Md., and later served as testing officer at the anti-aircraft center at Fort Eustis, Va.

Fort Benning Press Association Coordinates Coverage of Entire Post

Papers Exchange News, Engravings; Regular Meets Feature Idea Trading

Almost a year ago, when it was recalled that there were some five Regimental weeklies published at Ft. Benning, it was decided that it would definitely be in the interest of all these papers if some plan for closer co-operation might be worked out. With this in mind, a meeting of the papers then being published on the "World's Most Complete Army Post" was called. The Benning Inter-Regiment Press Association was formed.

Because Ft. Benning is a large post, and the various commands supporting weeklies were remotely located one from the other, meetings were held at irregular intervals. However, the degree of cooperation hoped for was achieved. An exchange of stories and art and photographic work resulted. A credit to the paper originating the work followed the initials BIRPA. The only other single outstanding accomplishment of the original association was the joint sponsorship of a cartoon and art show featuring the best work of soldier artists appearing at regular features in the member papers. More than 100 items were collected for the show, which toured sections of the Post for about six weeks.

But the Benning Intra-Regiment Press association was not quite the answer to the ever present problem of more and better co-operation among the Ft. Benning weeklies. For one thing, many of the original member commands were transferred out. For another thing, the all-post weekly, the "Fort Benning Bayonet" was not included in the membership because it was civilian owned. It was felt that the "Bayonet" should definitely be a part of the association because all commands on the Post were expected to contribute to the all-post weekly. Then too, there were a number of new papers cropping up at Ft. Benning that had never become members.

NEW BODY FORMED
Although the old association was a free for all, operating without benefit of officers, Sgt. John Naylor, editor of the Pine-BUR was asked to call a special meeting of all Ft. Benning weeklies for the purpose of forming a new body. The meeting was called in July of this year. Invited beside the enlisted men—the Press Association was and still is entirely made up of Enms, although Special Service Officers are invited to attend meetings to "listen in"—of the weeklies were Signal Corps and Infantry School photographers, special service and public relations enlisted personnel of both the Post proper and the Infantry School, Post Athletic Office personnel, and any others who might conceivably have business to do with Ft. Benning weeklies.

A new association was formed called the Fort Benning Press Association (FBPA). The eight Benning newspapers and other units became a part and committed

there are some 50 odd enlisted men now carrying Fort Benning Press Association press cards.

A charter was drawn up to outline the scope and purpose of the new association. Officers were elected with Sgt. Naylor picked to head the organization and Cpl. John Fitzgibbons of the 300th Infantry "Saber" appointed secretary. It was decided that meetings should be held every third week on the Main Post—the most central point for all units stationed at Ft. Benning. Of the char-

ter members of the old association it is interesting to note that only two remain as a part of the new body—the "Pine-BUR" now being published for the ASTP Basic Training Center at Benning, and the "Mirror," published for Academic Regiment of The Infantry School.

GENERAL COVERAGE
As the Ft. Benning weeklies matured, each seemed to feel that more space should be devoted to general Ft. Benning news in addition to news exclusively about the paper's own command. So one of the first steps taken was the establishment of a clearing house for the exchange of news. Cpl. Charles Voorhis, Public Relations non-com of The Infantry School unit, the job of boiling down the strictly local news items carried by the unit weeklies into brief stories and saw

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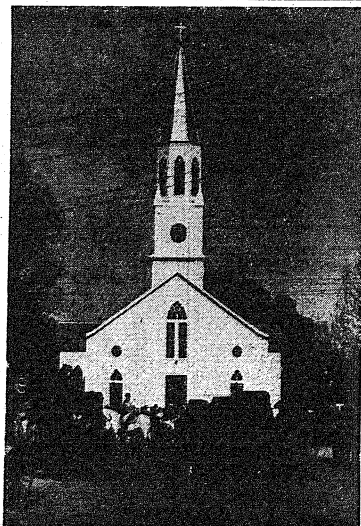
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Hands of Magic Fashion Delicate Surgical Tools

Hospital Technician Learned
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Practicing a trade which is virtually a lost art in America, Technician Fourth Grade Charles Atkin uses hands of seeming magic to make delicate and almost unobtainable surgical instruments for doctors at the Station Hospital at Fort Benning.

Using a skill which he learned in his native Poland and practiced in Palestine, Sergeant Atkin takes an old discarded file and from it makes gouges, chisels and osteotomes—complicated instruments used by orthopedists—as good or better than those made commercially of the finest Swedish steel. Sergeant Atkin, a member of the Medical Detachment, at the Station Hospital, learned his trade in his native Brzostowice, W. Poland, after three years in a trade school, and left for Palestine in 1934 seeking greater opportunities. He came to this country in 1938 and became a naturalized citizen a little over a year ago.

In Europe, his work is called the locksmith trade, but has a far wider meaning than that. The special trade of a locksmith in this country is an individual work of art and not a result of mass production. Although as a worker in the utilities shop where he does all sorts of repairs for the hospital, he specializes in metal work. He has over a year ago a "dentist's office on wheels" which he built for the dental office at the hospital. So bed-patients could have the dentist come directly to them, he received national publicity, not only in newspapers, but in "Popular Mechanics" magazine as well. A compact car equipped like a modern dentist's office, the car had an electric drill, spotlight, sterilizer, air syringe and two spray bottles on top, with plenty of room left for use as a work table.

The interior contains compartments and drawers to hold the necessary instruments and supplies such as cement for fillings, and clean linen. The cabinet is made of wood, Masonite and angle iron, and is still in use by the dental department.

PROUD POSSESSION
One of the proudest possessions of Major Roy Ciccone, chief of the orthopedic section at the Station Hospital, is a group of 12 surgical instruments of various sizes and shapes, each an individual work of art. Perfectly balanced, smoother than silk, an outstanding example of shiny and polished workmanship, the instruments are used for grafts, surgery, reconstruction of joints, shaping of bones, and doing away with splinters or bone tumors.

According to Major Ciccone, these gouges, chisels and osteotomes are almost impossible to obtain, while the ones made by Sergeant Atkin are the equal or superior in craftsmanship to the finest obtainable. The sergeant makes the blades of chisels and makes gouges from worn out files, which he re-temper and shapes out with an ordinary file—using emery paper to make it as smooth and shiny as expensive silverware. He obtains aluminum and other material for the handles from the Fort Benning Ordnance shops, which assist him at times in providing tools and equipment. In addition, Sergeant Atkin has made a portable plastic cabinet as well as special braces for the orthopedic section.

From worn out files, he also makes such prosaic things as blades for can openers. For the physiotherapy section, he has made instruments by which convalescent patients may exercise their wrists or other portions of their anatomy which may be weakened after staying for prolonged periods in casts. For the obstetric ward he has made a portable carriage in which ten babies can be carried. Ever on the lookout for additional things in which he can make useful things for use in the hospital, he is repeatedly called upon by medical officers who highly praise his work.

IT'S A HOBBY
Sergeant Atkin, who considers his work as a sort of hobby which he enjoys to the fullest, says he has always enjoyed working with his hands, and creating things both useful and beautiful. At the age of 13, he became interested in the work of some men in Poland who repaired scales, and within a period of two weeks learned to adjust the delicate mechanisms as well as his professional mentors could. From then on, his great aim was to make ornamental metal novelties, jewelry and instruments.

After graduation from high school, he started on his career by attending the Polish trade school, and then followed his trade in Poland, Palestine and this country. Inducted into the Army in July, 1941, he spent four months at Camp Lee, Va., and then came to Fort Benning where he eventually was assigned to duties which enable him to follow his craft.

Happy in his work, he merely wishes to have greater opportunity to do more, and to obtain such opportunities as will enable him to advance his talents in this field. Thus, despite the mechanics of war and the use of mass-production equipment both for training and actual warfare, there is at Fort Benning at least one man capable of creating things by a virtu-



MANY NEW ARRIVALS at Fort Benning are intrigued by the stone monument standing to the rear of the Infantry School building which is dedicated to "Calculator", a non-descript cur that wormed his way into the hearts and affection of many officers and enlisted men at the post. Shown above is Captain Janet Nash of Chicago, Ill., commanding officer of the WAC Detachment, Infantry School, Main Post, admiring the stone. The inscription reads "Calculator, Born ? Died Aug. 29, 1923; He made better dogs of us all." (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo)

Monument Behind TIS Building Pays Tribute to Dog's Memory

Many new arrivals at Fort Benning have their curiosities aroused by a stone monument bearing a bronze plaque dedicating the shaft to "Calculator." The monument stands on the lawn just to the rear of the Infantry School building, across from the Officers' Club.

Calculator, so named because he put down three and carried one (leg) when he trotted after soldiers at Fort Benning, invaded the reservation with his game leg back in 1924. He wandered about the post, decided he liked it, and made it known that he had come to stay.

Rapidly he made friends with soldier buddies, and he liked to be with them in camp and out. When the day's work was done, he would accompany the soldiers to town for a taste of the bright lights. And he would stay until the last man had left for the post.

Calculator was a smart pup. He would bum around town with the enlisted men, but when curfew time approached he would hot-foot it on three cylinders to a well-known hotel to catch a ride back to Benning with a colonel or a captain, having found a private auto more comfortable for a lame hound.

When Calculator died, the entire garrison mourned and contributed to a fund for the monument to his memory. The monument also stands as a tribute to man's best friend, the Dog.

3rd STR OC Breeds Dog Show Winners

How he does it, work and drill-burdened fellow candidates of the Seventh Company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, don't comprehend, but somehow, OC Erle J. Ferguson finds time to care for two dogs and to display winning canines in regional dog shows.

A former accountant in Detroit, Ferguson training sporting dogs for six years prior to entering the Army and an English Setter owned by him, Parpoint Problem, topped 15 firsts in 18 showings in Detroit, Toledo, and Cleveland. Last spring he put 10 dogs through their paces for other owners at the Columbus Field Trial Association exhibition and earned eight firsts and two seconds.

At the present time, Ferguson has two dogs quartered in Columbus kennels.

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that they were distributed to all members of the association publishing weeklies. All weeklies in order to expedite the exchange of news filed carbon copies of their stories with Cpl. Voorhis. However, the right to indicate a release date on stories was recognized. The news clearing house is functioning with beautiful precision, serving exactly the purpose for which it was set-up. Contact is made either direct or through efficient Ft. Benning message centers.

With the critical shortage of photographic materials facing all Benning papers and Public Relations offices the matter of conservation of film supplies was next tackled. Both the Signal Corps unit stationed on the Post and The Infantry School Reproduction Plant had been making pix for the papers, with a few papers having their own independent photographic set-ups. Again it was decided to clear all photographic orders through a central office. Further than that, it was decided that some types of routine shots would become taboo. As an example, no routing parades no wrate a "photographic study."

No longer will weddings be classed as Public Relations subjects unless certain circumstances surrounding them give them pertinent news value and other everyday subjects are marked off boards. Further than this Association members were advised to plan their picture work in such a fashion that Post photographers could cover the assignment with the greatest dispatch.

And as a final clincher, it was decided that under no circumstances would extra copies of official photographs be provided for persons in the picture unless provisions were made to replace critical material used to make the prints. The result—a greater reduction in the use of Fort Benning photographic facilities for purposes non-essential to producing a good Public Relations and Special Service job.

MAN-POWER CONSERVED
Next tackled was the matter of conserving man-power and time in the handling of routine details necessary with the distribution of Fort Benning papers. Worked out

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is a plan to handle all exchanges of Fort Benning weeklies from a central point. All weeklies, designed for exchange will be collected at this point, placed under one cover, and mailed out to exchanging papers. The Fort Benning Press Association, in consolidating its exchange lists, has compiled a formidable number of papers designed to receive Benning sheets. So that Benning weeklies will not wind up publishing for the single purpose of maintaining a large exchange, the list has been broken down into a number of shorter lists.

Benning weeklies have recognized the shortage of paper. Paper, for instance, is planning to convert to a bi-monthly, other papers have cut drastically into their circulation by printing one paper for every two men instead of one for one. But largely, the matter of conservation is a matter the individual paper is meeting in its own way.

In the matter of keeping the budget within hand, the exchange of cuts has helped a great deal. Almost all cheese-cake is passed from hand to hand, and many special engravings appear in more than one or two of the weeklies in turn. The exchange of engravings works itself out naturally inasmuch as the member papers come out on a staggered schedule. The first paper to appear comes out on a Tuesday—the last on a Wednesday. Of note-worthy interest in line with these staggered publishing dates is the absence of cut-throat competition for newsbeats. Newsbeats are not possible, hence greater co-operation results.

CARTOON SHOW
Then there are a large number

of other projects being entertained by the Association. Another cartoon show is in the offing. Art shows and photography exhibits are being scheduled to display the work of Fort Benning personnel. But principally of interest is the way members stand together behind such large projects as the Third War Bond Drive, the collection of Blood Plasma by the Red Cross, the support given to a local (Columbus) United War Fund Drive. Speakers and organizers behind these drives have elected to attend the meetings of the Association to present their views to the members and to solicit their support.

Naturally, all this business cannot be taken care of at the regular meetings, so committees are appointed to "act" for the Association. They do act, and when they report to the meetings their plans are expected to be complete in detail. The members are asked to give a vote of approval to the findings and plans of the committees. Plans once approved are put into immediate action.

Present membership in the Fort Benning Press Association includes "The Benning Bayonet," "The Shavetail," "The Mirror," "The Saber," "The Thirteener," "The Spirit," "The Tail Skid," and "The Pine Bar." These are the Fort Benning weeklies, but in addition to these, other members include the enlisted personnel of U. S. Army Signal Corps Laboratories (Photographers), and The Infantry School Reproduction Plant (Photographers), Public Relations Office, The Infantry School, Public Relations Office and Special Service Office, Post Headquarters, and the Athletic Office.

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Whether there is a job furthering the war effort or merely a good deed for the day to be done, you can count on the fellows of the Fort Benning Boys' Activities to be in there pitching.

Building young minds and bodies, Fort Benning Boys' Activities is under the direction of Lt. Col. Virgil Ney, Infantry School instructor, and offers citizen-making and recreations to sons of officers and non-commissioned officers who reside on the Army reservation.

Boys' activities at Fort Benning embrace many fields. There are the Boy Scout troops, the Cub Scout pack, the Air Scout Squadron, the Ranger Battalion and the Boys' Activities Athletic Association. The latter activity provides for sports and recreation and includes the Jeeps and Gremlins football teams, swimming classes and baseball and basketball games.

Air Scout Squadron No. 1 is for boys from 15 to 18 years old and offers pre-flight training, instruction and leadership by Air Corps officers from Lawson Field. During a recent scrap drive, the Air Scout squadron received national recognition in the scouting magazine, according to Col. Ney.

VARIED ACTIVITIES
Boy Scout Troop No. 11 is dismounted and has a membership

of boys who range from 12 to 14 years. The troop takes hikes, boat trips, has numerous constructive projects and makes educational trips. Meetings are held in the Scout Cabin.

Scout Troop No. 12 is an innovation at the post, being a cavalry outfit. Boys from 13 to 18 years of age meet at The Infantry School Stables under the leadership of Captain Charles B. Taylor, stable officer.

Cub Scout Pack No. 1 is a supplement to Scout Troop No. 11 and is for boys not yet old enough to become Boy Scouts. The youngsters, who are from 9 to 12 years old, go along with the Scouts and do as much as they are able.

In addition, there is the Ranger Battalion for boys from 6 to 9 years of age.

JOHNNIE ON SPOT
"Whenever there is a job to be done," Col. Ney said, "all the fellows join in and do it." The boys have distributed fire prevention literature, assisted in the Red Cross on 'occasion, and at the present time with King Football reigning, the Jeeps are the senior boys' gridiron team on the post, and the Gremlins, the juniors, swimming instruction and life saving class was conducted last summer, and baseball and basketball are played in season.

Occupying the youngsters with



BOYS OF FORT BENNING are always on the job when there is work to be done. During the recent observance of National Fire Prevention Week, Boy Scouts of Troop No. 11 and Cub Scouts of Pack No. 1 assisted Fire Chief Joseph L. Hogan in the distribution of fire prevention literature to homes on the Main Post. In the above picture Don Ruff, a Cub Scout, hands one of the pamphlets to Mrs. Eleanor Schaertel, wife of Chaplain Elmer G. Schaertel, at their home in Fort Benning's Block 23. Helping young Ruff cover the territory were Douglas Peters (second from right) and Jerry Holmes. Boys' activities are under the direction of Lt. Col. Virgil Ney, Infantry School instructor. (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Globe-Trotting G. I. Served In Army, Navy

Soldier, sailor, world traveler, and officer candidate is a short but complete description of Candidate Charles H. Binns of the Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, for he has served in the Infantry, Coast Artillery, Tank Company, and the Navy and has traveled through the Far East from the Great Wall of China to Colon in Panama.

Born in Sandusky, Ohio, on March 15, 1914, Candidate Binns claims now to be a "native son by adoption" of Monterey, Cal. He was there when he attended high school, graduating in 1931. His military career had begun in 1930, when he had attended a CMTC camp, choosing the Infantry. The following year he returned to the CMTC, this time to the Coast Artillery. Soon thereafter he was seized with the wanderlust, and joining the Navy, went away to sea in 1932.

His first year with his services was spent with the Pacific Fleet. In 1933 he was transferred to a destroyer in the Asiatic Fleet and stationed at Manila, P. I. The flagship of the squadron was the USS John Paul Jones, which Binns served for a time, and which later became famous as the savior of an aircraft carrier from a Jap torpedo.

CRUISE TO CHINA
The following year his travels really began with a cruise to China. Throughout the entire summer the fleet was operating along the coast of China out of Shanghai. In those days liberties were more than just a sailor's pipe dream and Sailor Binns found time to visit the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and a great many resorts from Peking to Tientsin.

One of the most ticklish incidents of his life occurred in the morning when the entire Asiatic Fleet was anchored in the inner harbor of Chefoo, China. Early in the morning the fog lifted to disclose the startling fact that the Seventh Imperial Fleet of Japan had anchored across the outer harbor during the night, thus cutting the U. S. fleet off from the open sea with a force that outnumbered them five to one. Although Japan was not then the menace it was later to become, Binns recalls several anxious hours before it became clear that for once Japanese intentions were peaceful.

In 1935 Binns went on a "good will" cruise to Japan, visiting Yokohama, Tokyo, Nagasaki, and Kobe. During this time he visited the "sacred" Mt. Fujiama, a Jap opera, and many amusement centers. One of these visits was made in the company of a Jap marine and a Jap sailor, whom Binns recalls to have been treacherous in the matter of money, a fact that is no surprise at all. He also visited in Japanese homes on several occasions.

After Japan came the Philippines. This cruise took Binns to Corregidor, Bataan, Zamboanga, down across the equator to some of the lesser islands, and at one time to Colon.

Binns was discharged from the Navy in 1936, after having returned to this country via Guam, Midway, Wake and Honolulu. He

then went to work for the public relations department of a utilities concern. From 1938 until 1940 he served as a sergeant in the Tank Company, 40th Division, California National Guard.

Binns states that about 50 officers and men of this outfit who are his personal friends are now prisoners of war, this being one of the reasons why he is so anxious to return to Tokyo, this time on an ill will cruise. So anxious in fact, was he that in March, 1943, he volunteered for induction as a VOC. When he entered the Army he chose the Infantry, thus returning after a dozen years to his first love of all the services. After spending four months at Camp Roberts, California, he was sent to The Infantry School.

1st STR Colored Officers Get Club Building

A new Colored Officers Club has been opened in the First Student Training Regiment area at the corner of Jenks Avenue and Monk Street on the Main Post. Captain Howard G. Jones, Supply Officer of the First S. T. R. The Infantry School, supervised refurbishing and furnishing the club building.

Cream-colored ceiling and walls and a gray floor brighten the new club-room, trimmed in Nile green. All windows have Venetian blinds. At one end of the raised, walnut-stained dance floor is a large counter. Both rooms have been furnished with modern chromium-finished tables and chairs. Operated by the Officers Club, this new branch provides the usual recreational facilities and carries a complete line of sandwiches and beverages.

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Among the many men in the OC class of the 13th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School who came from far-flung outposts of American military strength, few can boast of coming from a more picturesque land than OC Floyd Alexander.

Alexander, the only OC sent to the 13th Company from the Trinidad sector, ended 19 months' straight service on a small island off the north coast of South America to come to OCS.

This, until the war, was a

peaceful island with an extremely heterogeneous population. The regular language spoken by the natives and foreigners working there was mixed up as the population. In one sentence, Alexander reported, the natives would use as many as five different languages — Spanish, German, Dutch, English and Portuguese. And the arrival of GIs with their ever-present American slang didn't do anything but make conversation that much more difficult, Alexander said.

While life was a little dull

on the island at times no one could ever complain about the weather, the new OC said. Trade winds gave it a year-round temperature on the average of from 83 to 89 degrees. And no man could ask for much more.

Alexander arrived here to get in on the first cold spell to hit the sunny south this season. Although he found it a little difficult to adjust to ODS, Alexander declares that there is no thrill quite like that of getting back to the good old United States. He is a native of London, Ohio.

Japanese Yank Fought Nipponese On Guadalcanal

A U. S.-born youth of Japanese extraction who did his bit for the Americans against the Sons of Nippon at Guadalcanal is Candidate Takeo Kubo, of the 13th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School. At the present time Kubo is in Fort Benning's Infantry School with a recurrence of the malaria with which he was stricken when he was in the Pacific campaign.

Kubo's parents were born in Japan but the candidate, while he speaks the Japanese language fluently, is as American as baseball or ice cream. He was graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles, and was engaged in a profitable fruit and vegetable business before entering the Army, six months prior to Pearl Harbor.

As might be expected as the result of his comparatively rare youth, Kubo worked with the American Forces as an interpreter during the Guadalcanal campaign. He had attained the rating of Technician, Third Grade, before qualifying for OCS.

Tom Hathaway, British seaman, put into the Best of the USO, there met Bill Ellis, Canadian seaman. After a chat and learning that Bill's home was Montreal, Tom took from his pocket a picture, showed it to Bill. Did he know her? He certainly did—but what he didn't know was how Tom came by a picture of his wife. Legitimately—she was his sister.

constructive avocations and projects, Fort Benning Boys' Activities have cut juvenile delinquency at the post to an utter minimum, Col. Ney stated.

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BUYING CLOTHES AT THE THRIFT SHOP are these two GIs who are anticipating the cold weather that is coming up. Good garments to replace losses or to give extras when clothes are being cleaned send men to this thrifty place. The men are: (left) Jack S. Odum, and (right) Bill Smith, while the saleslady is Mrs. J. H. Drum, volunteer. (Signal Lab Photo.)

Thrift Shop Sells Everything From Toys to Outboard Motors

A "thrift" shop in name and in fact—that is what the Post Thrift Shop is living up to, according to the many enlisted men and officers and their families who patronize the place.

This thrift goes both ways. If a man or woman on the Post has an article to sell, it is sold at a fair price to some one, less 10 per cent for handling. If some one on the Post wants such an article or she may buy it at a fair price that has been arrived at by starting with the original price and reducing to a price agreed on the condition of the article at the time it is sold.

"We'll sell everything from toys to outboard motors," states Mrs. Walter Scott Fulton, manager of the store. "But one of the most popular lines that we handle is the baby outfitting. As a great part of King Baby's equipment is off the market for the war, the demand for used equipment, such as baby buggies, bassinets, bathtubs, etc., is enormous and the supply small. So this type of article, when in good shape, is sold almost at once."

"Another line of equipment constantly in demand," Mrs. Fulton continued, "is the electrical household one. Refrigerators, radios, and like things have standing orders waiting to be filled. And the demand for electric irons is so strong that many maintain almost a constant vigil on the shop to get an iron."

FURNITURE SOLD

One of the biggest contributions to the war effort, the actual helping of the Army man when on the Post, is the sale and re-sale of furniture, Mrs. Fulton pointed out. Many articles of furniture have been consigned to the shop, and then sold to someone to make an apartment more homey or to someone trying to fit up a house for use. Soon the usual fortunes of war send this family elsewhere, and the goods are again handled through the thrift shop. In this way good buys are given persons coming in and small losses are taken by persons moving out, the loss being generally only the ten per cent where the family has taken good care of the household articles.

All profits from the 10 per cent sales charge on articles and from the full sale price of donated articles goes to the electric ward of the hospital and to other charities as chosen by the general sponsor, the Fort Benning chapter, Daughters of the U. S. Army.

The Post Thrift Shop started out as a little place near the Quartermaster's offices nearly three years ago, and a few months later was taken over by the Army Daughters and moved onto Anderson Avenue, where it was under the management of Mrs. Hamilton Thorn. She continued to handle the place for 15 months with the volunteer help of the many Army wives and daughters who gave their services to continue something worthwhile to the welfare of the families connected with the Post. It was moved to a place on Cold and finally to the present fine location at Doughboy Stadium, just a few doors from the Post Florist.

The new location gave the shop the necessary position to expand, and a 50 per cent increase in business was one of the immediate results, the Army Daughters officers report.

Last August the management of the store passed to Mrs. Walter Scott Fulton. She expresses herself very delighted with the personnel and the organization of the



COZY CORNER IN THE THRIFT SHOP where nice pieces of furniture are being offered for sale. This nifty porch settee is being inspected by Mrs. William H. Hobson, wife of the Post Commander, while Mrs. James L. Tarr, whose husband is now in overseas service, is offering it for sale as one of the volunteer sales force of the shop. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

1st STR Gets Its 1st W. O.

When Sergeant Alex T. Sintetos took the oath of office that made him "Mr. Sintetos," he also gained the distinction of becoming the first warrant officer on the staff of the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, W. O. (J.G.) Sintetos had been an enlisted member of the regiment since February 1942.

An accountant in civil life, he had supervised preparation of payrolls for several 1st S.T.R. companies. His new position will be Assistant Regimental Mess Purchasing Officer.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Sintetos of 1351 Ingraham Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., he attended Strayer Business College and Benjamin Franklin University there, graduating with a Bachelor of Commercial Science degree in accountancy.

An accountant at the Washington Navy Yard when the national emergency became acute, he enlisted in the Army in September 1941 and completed basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., where he also attended post administrative school. Transferred to the 1st S.T.R. at Fort Benning, he was promoted to corporal in April 1942 and to sergeant two months later.

His wife, Mrs. Agnes L. Sintetos, expects to leave Washington for Columbus, Ga., to join the newly appointed warrant officer.



THE MAJOR BUYS A HORSE. That's what that little thing in his hand is to little Jimmie. Now the problem is to convince Mrs. Weeks, manager of the Craft Shop, that she should hide it somewhere around the place so Junior won't see it until Christmas, no place being safe from the "look see" of the lad around home. The officer's smile seems to be having the right affect. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Clean-Up Order Of Day Versed By Wac Poet

When Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of Fort Benning, proclaimed Clean Up Week for the post, Henry Bishop of the WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section I, at the fort, prepared for his approval an "order of the day" verse, the well he had it published in the Daily Bulletin that goes out over his signature each day to various commands and units of the post. The Order of the Day—is CLEAN UP.

Get the trash out of the way—and CLEAN UP.

You do not have the right To let trash create a sight When your effort is so slight—so CLEAN UP!

There's a campaign going on—it's CLEAN UP!

Give it a boosting that is strong—And CLEAN UP!

If you clean-up the right way And it's done from day to day What a profit it will pay—when we CLEAN UP!

Post Craft Shop Provides Source for Unusual Gifts

A gift shop for men, with a lot of things for men, and a lot of things for men to buy women, or children.

That's the PX Craft Shop, near the Cooks and Bakers School, Vibert Avenue, and Mrs. Harriet Weeks, the manager, with a group of assistants, is there to see that the soldier gets the gift he is looking for. She also sees that it is wrapped and prepared for shipping, or fixed up for presentation if he can deliver it.

True the shop is run by women, but there is no high powered salesmanship nor any nosy clerks who look on while the GI tries to pick out some gift for the girl friend or wife or the kids. However, courteous service is always at his call, and the prices are in many cases half the prices in outside stores.

Man's stuff includes pipes, lighters, tobacco pouches, lighter fluids and flints, cigarette cases, leather

wallets, locker file cases, letter paper in cases, pennants, brief cases, toilet article cases, etc. Then the gift lists for the GI to buy for his women, include a variety that covers all the tastes that the girl friend or wife could possibly think about. There are gifts in perfumes, dresser sets, jewelry of the Army motif, novelty and costume jewelry, beautiful utility boxes for dressers, playing cards, stockings, cosmetics, and a great variety of decorative small articles.

Pins of rank, non-com, and commissioned, in gold and silver, to be worn by the women of men holding these ranks, are featured. Of course, there is a toy room where men can satisfy their children's wants in all sorts of toys and books, for little tots and Pre-Pearl Harbor children, too.

Then there is a baby shop off to the side where the GI can let his wife enjoy herself, if she is along or in the Fort Benning vicinity.

For a strictly "made in Georgia" gift Mrs. Weeks offers the Shuck-aninny family—maw, paw, the kids, and the pooch—all made of corn shucks and kernels mounted on a board for shipping in a small box. And this is not a "corny" seller, Mrs. Weeks points out, for it goes over big with GI patrons who want something peculiar to this section to send back home.

The Craft Shop, also known as the "GI" shop among people on the Post, is near the Postoffice and bank, and is open from 8:30 to 5 o'clock each day except Sunday.

"Christmas is only a little over a month away," Mrs. Weeks stated this week, "and the early customer is sure of a larger choice. Should I urge you to shop early in these days of limited stocks in all lines of merchandise?"

Marshall (Biggie) Goldberg, who now plays for the Chicago Cardinals in the National Football League, was the fullback star of Pittsburgh's great teams of 1937 and '38. Other members of that "dream" backfield were John Chickerno, Dick Cassiano and Harold Stebbins.

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Capt. Cunningham Takes Command Of 1st STR Unit

Over 250 officers and men of the 1st Student Training Regiment's Headquarters Company met their new company commander, Captain Albert P. Cunningham, Jr., at an informal evening get-together recently.

Captain Cunningham came to the Infantry School unit from Fort Jackson, S. C. This is the third time within the past 18 months he has been on duty at The Infantry School, having completed its Officers' Motor Course in June 1942 and New Division Officers Course in February 1943.

A list of these unusual heroines include: Miss Martha Chase, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. McNamee, Mrs. Forgan, Mrs. Supensky, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Mercado, Miss Pat Maloney, Mrs. Jas. L. Tarr, Mrs. DePremer, Mrs. Thorn, Mrs. Betty Drum, Miss Knight, Mrs. Coutts.

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Medical Detachment Is One of Post's Live Wires

Celebrating its 25th anniversary last October 7, the Medical Detachment at the Station Hospital has established during the past year an enviable record in various drives on the post, and is proud of being one of the most "live wire" units at Fort Benning.

The detachment, which is commanded by Major John B. Joyner, purchased \$40,000 worth of war bonds during the Third War Loan Drive in September, far above its quota of \$25,000, and reached that figure by September 15. In the current War Fund Drive, enlisted personnel of the detachment have contributed in excess of \$1,000, donating an average of some thing over a dollar per man. They also have given liberally to such organizations as the Red Cross, War Emergency relief, and the U.S.O.

The detachment, which consists of Section 1 for white personnel and Section 2 for colored soldiers, furnishes the enlisted personnel for the administrative offices and wards in the Station Hospital and outlying dispensaries, providing 24 hour service in all these jobs. Ward boys are on duty in every ward of the hospital every hour of the day and night to answer needs of patients.

In addition to furnishing personnel to the Station Hospital, the detachment also furnishes trained men to the First Student Training Regiment, the 3rd STR, the Harmony Church Dental Clinic, the Sand Hill Dental Clinic, the Attending Surgeon's office in Columbus, the Veterinary Detachment Hospital Number 4 in Harmony Church, the Reception Center, the Alabama Area Dental Clinic, the Induction Station and the Internment Camp.

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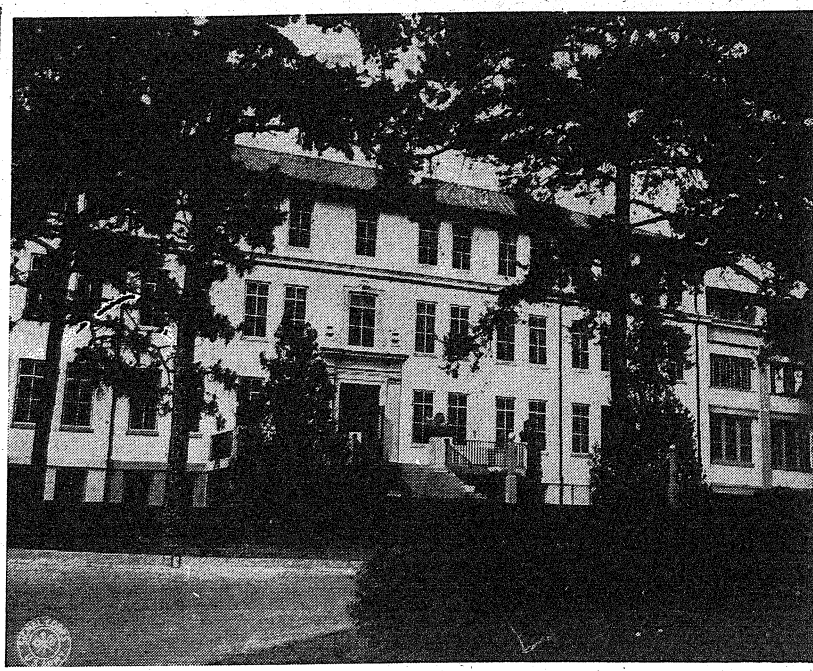
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STATION HOSPITAL is noted for its efficient corps of medical officers and nurses and its splendid equipment. This building is one of the most beautiful on the reservation and wins the admiration of all who behold it. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo).

which has appeared on many post radio programs and at the Pato Grill, has played on quite a few programs at the Columbus USO units.

Members of the band are Cpl. Allen Morris at the piano, Sgt. Mike Sowa on the bass, Pvt. Clarence Davis on the trumpet, Pvt. Ernest Heil on the saxophone, Pvt. Earl Swauger on the drums and Sgt. Pintello on the accordion.

The colored troops have a spiritual quartet called the "Famous Four," which also has entertained during programs on the post and in Columbus.

The special service also publishes twice monthly a publication called "Medicos," which ranks high among publications of its nature. Its editor is Sgt. Pintello, who works under the supervision of Lieutenant Johnston.

Other officers in the detachment are Captain Bradford Webster, supply officer, and Lt. Dominic Dionisio, plans and training officer. Three first sergeants are connected with the detachment: Sgt. Audrey C. Bittle is first sergeant for Section 1, while Sgt. Granville Monroe is first sergeant for the barracks area; Topkicker for Section 2 is First Sergeant Henry Allen, a veteran of 30 years service in the Army.

MAJOR ALVERSON

Captain Richard C. Alverson, Maintenance Officer of the Parachute School, has been promoted to major, it was announced today. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Alverson, Spokane, Washington.

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Uncle Sam Puts 'Good Teeth' In His Fighters

Uncle Sam has teeth in his fighting army and often as not these are good G. I. teeth, designed by army dentists and constructed in army laboratories at places like Fort Benning, it was disclosed today by the post dental surgeon, Colonel

including wiring; to perform dental surgery in case of injuries or lesions on the jaws; other minor surgery of the mouth, in addition to general operative dentistry.

Aside from dentistry as a health measure and necessity, Col. Sanderson added that it can become an influencing morale factor. A missing front tooth may differentiate between a self-confident fighter and a self-conscious failure. That tooth is the dental corps' opportunity.

He added that the army is affording dental care to many persons who never before had known treatment. Of the civilian population, only about 12 percent avail themselves of dental care and inspection. In the army, every man is extended this advantage and given some compulsory attention;

EIGHT CLINICS

To take care of Benning's dental needs there are eight separate clinics on the reservation, each responsible to Colonel Sanderson, with a dental officer directly.

Clinic locations and chiefs of service include, Dispensary A, Lt. Col. Albert L. Bartlett; Main Hospital Unit No. 1, Major Benjamin Rubin; Sand Hill Dispensary, Lt. Col. Chester Fordyce; Harmony Church Hospital Unit No. 2, Captain Frank L. Pitt; Harmony Church Unit, ASP area, Major Nathan Alderstein; 3rd Student Training Regiment, Major F. W. Sumner; and the Parachute clinic, Alabama area, Major Rex Matheny.

Caring for dental needs of the Italian prisoners of war interned at Fort Benning is Lt. Joseph E. Fidanza, himself of Italian descent, and a master of the language.

POST LABORATORIES

To manufacture and repair necessary dentures, Fort Benning maintains its own dental laboratory, which is as complete as the average civilian laboratory. For speedier service a production line system of denture construction is in operation under the supervision of Major William F. Maury, chief of laboratory services. Work of the laboratory includes construction of dentures, both full and partial; construction of fixed bridges; and preparation of inlays.

Major Maury explained that rubber is no longer used here in the construction of dentures, although it is still available for repair purposes. As in modern metropolitan laboratories, acrylics, acrylics or resin-based plastics are now used, exclusively, in the making of new dentures.

Assisting in the laboratory are one civilian employee, Florence Reed, dental technician and veteran of World War I, and ten enlisted men, including Sgt. Cramer Griffith, who in civilian life, had his own laboratory at Birmingham, Ala. Rounding out the staff is one W.A.C. who performs a specialized clerical task.

TRAINING MEN

The laboratory also buies itself with the training of enlisted personnel of old hospital units destined for overseas duty. During their stay here, these men are taught specialized and technical tasks which they may be called upon to perform in a theater of operations or actual combat area. These trainees average about 10.

Speaking of the duties of these men and their officers, Colonel Sanderson noted that the dental officer in combat is used as an auxiliary medical officer, helping to treat these war-torn battle-injured. In the hospital, he added, the dental officer is trained to handle fractures to the jaw, in-

however, each soldier must take a personal pride in his teeth and keep a watchful eye to their care. Local dental facilities are crowded and rushed due to added loads, but any man can obtain necessary treatment by making an advance appointment. For emergencies, a dental O. D. service is maintained at the station hospital and by certain field clinics.

All soldiers about to be shipped overseas are given a thorough check, including filling of cavities, removal of infected teeth, construction and fitting of needed dentures, and recheck of old dentures. Many men, Col. Sanderson said, are salvaged for full field service by giving them teeth.

"If an army fights on its

Best Wishes To All Our Friends in the Service.

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Service Station

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The Bayonet, Thursday, November 17, 1943

Seventeen

stomach, it must have teeth," he said.

FOR THE BED-RIDDEN

But what of the bed-ridden soldier, unable to go to the dentist's chair? What dental treatment can he receive? Thanks to a unit designed a year and a half ago by Major Ralph D. Watkins, long-suffering patients have their dental work done in the unit, a portable dental workshop, is complete in every way, and can be wheeled from ward to ward with the greatest convenience. All it lacks is an X-ray machine.

Of X-ray machines, there is one in each of the eight dental clinics, along with other dental equipment of the latest and best type available. The same is true of materials used in fillings and manufacture of dentures. For fillings, silicates and silver amalgams are normally used; for inlays acrylics and gold; for crowns, gold and for dentures, as previously noted, acrylics and resin-based plastics are used.

Work in all of the larger clinics is sub-divided into various categories. In addition to the clinic head, there is the chief of oral surgery, who handles all fractures, and splints and mouth surgery; the chief of prosthetic services, who is charged with all denture work; and the chief of operative services, in charge of all routine operative dentistry besides there are several civilian dental hygienists, whose duties are to clean teeth, and recently W.A.C.s, too, have been trained in this sub-dental task.

"At present the dental clinics are open 8:30 to 5:30 daily from Monday through Saturday, with emergency service available at other times. Col. Sanderson said that the clinics are busier than ever before and added that an increase in work is expected and anticipated.

Some of the old cattle drives from Texas to the northern plains involved 8,000 cattle and took four or five months.

Ernest Poole's "His Family" won the first Pulitzer prize in letters.

The growing of tulip bulbs has been a leading industry in Holland since the 17th century.

The first friction match was manufactured in 1816.

G. I. Movies Popular on Post

G. I. Movies are in fact Government issue films containing current events; musical sequences; sports shots and cartoons. They are produced exclusively for showing to the personnel of the armed forces.

These films are booked by the Chief of Special Service Branch, Lt. Colonel Charles C. Finnegan for 30 days and in turn the Special Service Officers of the various military organizations stationed at Fort Benning schedule their exhibitions of G. I. Movies through Colonel Finnegan's office. It has been estimated that in a 30-day period a G. I. Movie is viewed by over 16,000 men.

The purpose behind G. I. Movies is threefold: 1—To inform the soldier on current events by increasing his understanding and knowledge of the history, institutions, peoples, customs, resources and terrain of the world at war. 2. To provide a supplementary movie service for regular weekly off-duty showings in those commands which cannot be served with standard paid admission film entertainment.

3. To provide a means for non-compulsory showings of orientation films and other educational productions.

G. I. Movies are intended expressly for 16mm projectors each release comes as a single 1600-foot film. The running time is approximately 45 minutes.

New Saturday Banking Hours

Banks at Fort Benning will close at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoons, it was announced Saturday at the post.

The change was made effective on Nov. 6, and in the future the banks will be open from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m. (EWT) each Saturday. However, on week days the banks will continue to be open during their regular hours of from 11 o'clock until 3 o'clock. The closing of the banks an hour earlier on Saturdays will coincide with the Saturday closing hours of Columbus banks.

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CATHOLIC SERVICES

Saturday: Confessions in Chapel No. Main Post, from 6 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.; from 7:30 p. m. on; in the Statens Chapel, from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., and from 1 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. in the chaplain's office of the 54th Gen. Hospital, from 10:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. and from 7:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. on until all are heard.

Sunday: Mass in Chapel No. 4, Main Post, at 8 a. m.; 9 a. m.; 10:30 a. m.; 1:30 p. m.; 4 p. m.; 7:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. in the chapel of the 54th Gen. Hospital, at 8:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on until all are heard.

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Radio

Programs with a G. L. Twist

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7:30 A.M.—Benning Bulletin Board	WDKA
4:45 P.M.—Full Speed Ahead—WDAK	WDKA
6:00 P.M.—The First Line—WRBL	WRBL
6:15 P.M.—Search and the new	WRBL
6:30 P.M.—Fighting Coast Guard—WRBL	WRBL
6:45 P.M.—The First Line—WRBL	WRBL
7:15 P.M.—Gracie Field Victory	WRBL
8:00 P.M.—"Stage Door Canteen"	WDKA
8:30 P.M.—"The First Line—WRBL	WRBL
9:00 P.M.—"Music of the New World"	WRBL

NOV 15

8:00 P.M.—"Benning Rendezvous"
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	8:00 P.M. - "We, The People" - WBRL	WBRL
	8:15 P.M. - "We Cover the Battlefield" - CBS	CBS
	9:00 P.M. - Army Hour from Army Navy F.M.O. - CBS	OSB
	9:30 P.M. - "Fred Allen" - CBS	CBS
	10:00 P.M. - "The Price Is Right" - CBS	CBS
	10:30 P.M. - "Man Behind the Gun" - CBS	OSB
	11:00 P.M. - "Benning Bulletin Board" - NBC	NBC
	7:30 A.M. - "Benning Background" - WDAK	WDAK
	8:00 P.M. - "Pull Straps Ahead" - WDAK	WDAK
	8:30 P.M. - "The News" - CBS	CBS
	9:00 P.M. - "Port Bonning on the Coast" - CBS	CBS
	9:15 P.M. - "Quartermaster" - WBRL	WBRL
	9:30 P.M. - "Justice, His Fort Benning Variety Show" featuring the First Armored Orchestra.	WBRL
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THE COLUMBUS THEATRES

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FRI.-SAT. BLONDIE AND THE BUMSTEADS —in— "NIGHTLIGHT GLAMOUR"	FRI.-SAT. ROY ROGERS—IN— "Man From Music Mountain"
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY BOSTON LLOYD HOLAN —in— "MADACALAN DIARY"	SUN.-MON.TUE. DOME GENE AMCHE TIERNAN —in— "HEAVEN CAN WAIT"
FRIDAY HOWARD RNOID FAY EANTER	WED.-THURS.

Against Mrs. Hadley"	EVELYN ANKERS	JOHN CARRADINE
SPRINGER	"CAPTIVE WILD WOMEN"	
SATURDAY	ROYAL	
"TEK" "BRIEN"	FRI.-SAT	
JIM NEWELL	LUPE VELEZ	
"FIGHTING VALLEY	"Red Head From Manhattan"	
SUN.-MON.	TUES.-WED.	
CARY GRANT	BLONDIE AND THE	
GINGER ROGERS	THURS.-FRI.-SAT.	
"Once Upon a Honeymoon"		

BUMSTEAD
—in—
"IT'S A GREAT LIFE"
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THURSDAY
VERA VAGUE AND
LULA BELLE
—in—
"WINNING YOUR PARTNER"

GARY **INGRED**
COOPER **BERGMAN**
—in—
"FOR WHOM THE
BELLS TOLL"

THIS IS THE STAFF OF MAJ. GEN. CHARLES H. BROWN, in the Commandant's office a few days ago. Standing in the background are: Lt. Milton B. Delcher, aide to General Brown; Capt. William C. Smith, Chief of the Staff, Training Regiment; Capt. Donald Ross, aide to the Commandant; Lt. Col. Robert H. Lord, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry Regiment; Col. Harold E. Potter, Executive Officer, 1st Cavalry Division; Col. Joseph C. Addington, Adjutant General; Col. Harold E. Potter, Executive Officer, 1st Cavalry Division; Col. Joseph C. Addington, Adjutant General; and Public Relations Officer. (Official U. S. Army Photo.)

10 A.M.—"Benning Bandwagon"—WABW
 10 A.M.—Benning Bulletin Board—WABW
 10 A.M.—Breakfast Club—WDAK
 10:30 A.M.—Full Speed Ahead—WDAK
 11 A.M.—"The News"—WABW
 12 P.M.—Sammy Here—CBS
 12 P.M.—Sports Page—WDAK
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Women's Activities

Officers' Group—Tuesday, November 16, 8 p.m., Ladies League of Officers' Junior Officers' Club
 Spanish—Every Tuesday, Officers' Club
 When at 2:30 p.m., advanced at 3:30 p.m.

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Nov. 13-16	THE IRON MAJOR-Pat Anderson and Ruth Warwick.	Nov. 17-18	NEVER A DULL MOMENT Rittie Brothers and Frances Langford
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Nov. 16-19	THE DRACULA - Len Louniey and Loulie Albritton.	Nov. 21-22	MUGG STEPS OUT-Lou Gorcey
Nov. 17-19	NORTHERN PURSUIT - Er- nest Johnson and Lila Bishop.	Nov. 22-23	TRUE TO LIFE - M and Dick Powell
Nov. 17-19	TRUE TO LIFE - Mary M and Dick Powell.	Nov. 23-24	OLD OKLAHOMA- Wayne and Martha Scott.
Nov. 18-19	LASSIE COME HOME- Lillian and Yvonne	Nov. 24-25	THE CRAZY HOUSE-Olsen

THE STEEL, new Commandant of The Infantry School, pictured with the General are (left to right): Lt. Col. Philip A. Dickey, Jr., Steel; Col. John D. Hill, Commanding Officer of the Third Infantry Regiment; Lt. Col. Edward P. Passalunghi, Commanding Officer, Basic Training Center; Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, Assistant Chief of Staff, The Infantry School; Lt. Col. William C. Smith, Chief of The First Student Training Regiment; Col. Thornton Chase, Adjutant General; Maj. Harry Gowdy, Special Service Officer; Lt. Col. Lewis A. Bostick, Executive Officer; and 1st Lt. Gordon Gray, Intelligence Officer.

ameraman's life is "a snap" was describing occupations.

Patio Grill Soldiers' Favorite

Probably unique in all the army camps the country is Fort-Benn's **Patio Grill**.

Established late in June after the opening of the new cafeteria, the Patio Grill was built contiguous to the new mess hall, with its air soft drink and beef garden

The grill is under the exchange and Lt. Col. Harold McLaughlin, whose branch led the new plant largely was, took an interest in it and seeing that the enlisted men's own air club was maintained. He hit on the idea of putting in a band or dance orchestra or some other musical combination twice a week and the plan was inaugurated in July, with the idea of running a couple of weeks just

The reaction was immediate. The soldiers liked it. The WAACs and other WACs, liked it. Enlisted men liked it.

with brilliantly colored benches and tables with umbrellas, with a total cost of about \$50,000.

But it wasn't long before the seating capacity wasn't anywhere near the measure of the crowds that were flocking to the fair. So popular did the place prove to the enlisted men and their friends and families.

Then the GI's found that they could relax of an evening and meet their friends and the general effect of the new place as an

employees at Lawson Field are made in the studio.

OWN FACILITIES

At Fort Benning which has its own photographic facilities is the ASTP Pineburg public relations office at the base at the Basic Training Center. Three enlisted men have camera permits and make pictures for the newspaper but for all public relations work in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Training Regiments.

Sergeant

thought it was wonderful.

And the orchestra and bandmen liked it, too. They liked the enlisted men who were there to receive and they asked to be booked in again and again.

After a month's trial period, it was decided that it was possible to host the music, and the GI's, for the soldiers kept yelling for more. So Colonel McGaffee, who is in charge of the restaurant, who manages the GI, agreed to keep it open, complete with the music, until it gets just what for both players and audiences.

Mr. Brooks was brought in to manage the GI to succeed Jack Brown, who was the first manager who came over from the Alameda area to get it started. Brooks had had considerable experience in the business and in his own establishment there in the hands of relatives to come to Benning to manage the GI. As a result, there are a number of Columbus, assistant manager

John Naylor, editor of the Pinebush, and Private Leonard Pryweller, Auxiliary carman in Sergeant Carlisle Brown's section, a darkroom, stage and lighting facilities for both outside and inside jobs.

Another pictorial agency at Fort Belvoir is the photographic section at the Infantry School's Reproduction Plant. Master Sergeant Eugene C. Tinsley is in charge of the section, and Staff Sergeant William E. Tinsley is in charge of the section.

The section makes training photographs for field manuals and for various publications in Fort

six cashiers, a colored superintendent, seven privates, Capt. L. B. Bayard is supervisor for the Exchange.

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and School may be divided into four main categories.


O. C. PROGRAM

First there is the Officer Candidate program devoted to the task of developing Infantry combat officers from enlisted personnel in the Army. The candidates are the outstanding privates, corporals and sergeants in the Infantry.

assignment to the Public Relations Office of The Infantry School, makes the majority of the new pictures.

necessary qualities of leadership and intelligence. Here, largely through practical work, they are given training in Infantry wear-

AT THE BAMA CLUB



ALL-GIRL REVUE PRESENTED AT THE BAMA CLUB
include Claire Ray Dancers, six beautiful girls, Jane Carlson,

Patty Lane, Joe Fox, Rita O'Brien, Laverne Christoff and Claire Ray. Other acts that make this the show of the year, Helde Simmons, the queen of the "Boogy Woogy" piano and singer; Marianna and her Marionettes, and Anne Russell, beautiful singer of popular songs, and of course the finest dance music in the South by Vernon Yonkers and his Dixieland Band. Don't miss the show of the year at the Bama Club.

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ons and tactics, and their leadership ability developed.

The New Division Officers Course, Advanced and New Division courses for Officers.

The Basic classes are composed of officers of junior grade. They are given infantry rifle and heavy weapons company training. The advanced courses concern themselves primarily with the functions and duties of battalion commanders and staff officers, and includes the training of the staff officers. The New Division Officers course brings together officers who are experienced infantry components of new divisions. The course also facilitates the preliminary organization of their staffs. It also provides training for the staff officers.

Then there are the technical courses. The Automotive School presents two similar 12-week courses, one for officers and one for enlisted men. Known respectively as the Officers' Motor School and the Enlisted Men's Motor Course, their mission is to produce qualified transport and maintenance officers, and also skilled mechanics of performing and supervising second echelon maintenance and the operation of all types of organic in the Infantry Regiment.

The Communication School offers the Officers' Communication Course and the Enlisted Men's Communication course. The former is designed to produce qualified Communication Officers for Infantry units, and qualified instructors in signal communication. The latter's mission is the development of qualified operators for all types of radio sets used within the Infantry, the standardization of operational procedure, and the

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Gen. Walter H. Hobson

Two changes in assignments at Fort Benning Post Headquarters were announced by Col. William H. Hobson, commanding officer of the post.

Capt. John White, who has served as billetting officer, was named assistant to Post Executive Officer, Col. John P. Edgerly. Succeeding Capt. White as billetting officer is First Lieut. J. W. Myers, Jr., an assistant public relations officer.

Capt. S. C. White, a native of Bishopville, S. C., was first assigned to Benning, May, 1942. He has received his commission as a reserve officer in 1941 and was called to active duty with the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bragg in August, 1941. While at Benning, Capt. White has been assistant billetting officer, assistant adjutant, and today, billetting officer.

Lieut. Myers, called to active duty in May, 1942, is a native of New Orleans. He was commissioned a reserve second lieutenant in the field artillery upon his graduation from Louisiana State University with the degree of bachelor of science in forestry. Lt. Myers is presently post assistant War Bond Officer.

Conference Course Training bul

OTHER COMPONENTS

The picture of the Infantry School is not complete without mention of the Reproduction and Distribution Section, and the Publications Section. The former has as its job the production of mimeographed and printed instructional matter, the production of notes for the production of charts and the production of puppets and other visual aids. It does work for The Infantry School, the Army Ground School, for all units of the Fourth Service Command, and is equipped to produce any complete book without any commercial assistance.

The Publication Section compiles, edits and processes much of the instructional material prepared for the Infantry. The material consists mainly of field manuals,

training literature and visual aids are being revised continually under the direction of Headquarters Army Ground Forces in order that our Army may be kept informed of the latest developments in the tactics and technique of Infantry combat.

The Infantry Board, of which the Commandant of The Infantry School is a member, meets shortly after the end of the first World War as the official agency charged with studying the requirements of the Infantry arm for the future. Development on all matters relating to organization, technique and equipment of Infantry troops. It works in close harmony with the Infantry Board of the Infantry School. The latter selects Infantry officers specially selected for broad experience and knowledge of Infantry matter.

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10:00 P.M. Take It or Leave It

MONDAY—

8:00 P.M. Vox Pop
8:30 P.M. Listen, It's Fort Henning
9:00 P.M. Lux Radio Theatre
9:30 P.M. Screen Guild Players
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TUESDAY—

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9:30 P. M. Report to the Nation
10:00 P. M. Suspense

WEDNESDAY—

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8:00 P.M. Kate Smith	7:30 P.M. Thanks to Yanks		
9:00 P.M. Playhouse	8:00 P.M. Blue Ribbon Town		
9:30 P.M. Brewster Boy	8:30 P.M. Inner Sanctum		
10:00 P.M. Durante & Moore	9:00 P.M. Hit Parade		

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Hospital Unit No. 2 Helps Convalescent Doughboys

Salvage of injured soldiers who otherwise would be disabled permanently or face a long and painful convalescence is the business of Station Hospital Unit No. 2 in the Harmony Church area of Fort Benning.

This unit for convalescents takes patients discharged from the Station Hospital who are still suffering from the after effects of injury or illness. Here a scientific program of reconditioning speeds the process of recovery so that the men are able to return to duty when they are discharged from Unit No. 2.

This is no hospital of bathrobes and pajamas. The soldiers in this unit are up and dressed and seriously about this business of effecting a complete recovery in order to return to their home units for active duty.

Consequently, a program designed to restore both physical and mental health has been perfected by various officers in this unit, and always the co-operation, understanding and wise counseling of their superior officers has made possible recovery of more than 1,100 patients since the unit's opening in March of this year.

Working on the theory that "something for nothing" is always a challenge to man, Captain Clifford K. Okuno, chief of laboratory service at this unit, has worked out plans of construction with soldiers convalescing in this area that give the mind employment, the

body needed exercise and valuable sun rays.

A field sanitary area composed of 12 units consisting of an underground trench incinerator; human waste vaults; garbage disposal plants; improvised outdoor showers; latrines; and outdoor incinerator and an underground food storage vault are among the important projects constructed under Lt. Okuno's supervision. Materials salvaged from scrap piles left from the construction of the area were used. Rocks were brought from nearby streams and fields.

The convalescent soldiers work only such time as doctors allow and have made this model sanitary area as preparation for the day when they will be doing "field duty" in a real battle zone.

GOOD EARTH POLICY
Plans and training officer of the reconditioning program is Second Lieut. Harold W. Lenthart.

Activities under the plans and training officer include the showing of the latest news and orientation films each day, provided through the co-operation of Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, post plans and training officer. Films showing every organization on the post are shown at some time or other to these men who are convalescing from every outfit in this convalescent group. Once each week round table discussions are held with the officers and men participating when world problems are debated and settled, at least to their own satisfaction.

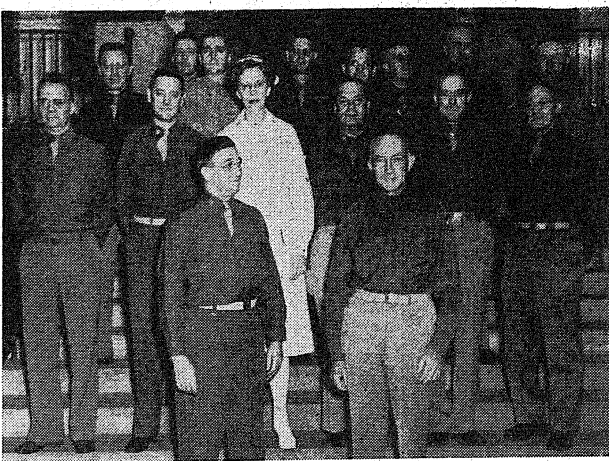
ARMS INSTRUCTION

There are line officers to instruct in arms. An infantry and a field artillery officer keep these men in practice in the rudiments of their separate arms. The thought is ever uppermost in the minds of the officers responsible for the convalescence of these men: prepare them to take their place with their own organization strong in body, active in mind, with a clear idea of their responsibility to their organization, and to better equip them for the arduous task confronting them.

"Making little ones out of big ones" so to speak has resulted in the new little white picket fence around the administration building. Old fruit and vegetable crates were the source of the material, split and trimmed to the exact dimensions for this fence enclosing a "V" bed planted with flaming scarlet salvia.

Along with nature, physical therapy is the miracle worker in this hospital. There are a number of ingenious devices invented or constructed by Captain Samuel Sherman, formerly of New York City, in charge of physical therapy. These include a finger-ladder to a foot rocker. In addition to these home made miracles, the unit has the most modern scientific inventions for the care of Uncle Sam's boys.

The finger ladder is of interesting construction. Nailed perpendicularly to the wall is a narrow strip. On this strip are built little steps, each with a number to



KEY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF FORT BENNING'S STATION HOSPITAL include, (Left to right): Colonel William L. Denton, station surgeon; Colonel William L. Denton, station surgeon; Lt. Col. Donahue L. Emerson, adjutant; Major John B. Joyner, commanding officer, detachment medical department; Major Ruth C. Anderson, principal chief nurse; Lt. Col. Louis Ochs, Jr., chief medical service; Lt. Col. Eleazar R. Bowie, chief of X-ray service; Lt. Col. Henry F. Buettner, chief of laboratory service; 3rd row: Major Delphia F. Fisher, custodian hospital fund; Major Burton P. Grimes, executive officer; Major Benjamin Rubin, chief hospital dental clinic; Lt. Col. Alphonsus M. McCarthy, chief of surgical service; Major Fred J. Duncan, medical supply officer; 4th row, Captain Lewis E. Martin, registrar; Captain Richard L. Martin, hospital inspector; Major Wallace M. Johnson, director of dietetics. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Kortemeier).



STAFF OF STATION HOSPITAL UNIT NO. 2 in Harmony Church area, shown above includes (left to right): Captain Willie A. Ruff, MAC, adjutant; Colonel William Denton, station surgeon; Lt. Col. William C. Kennedy, unit no. 2, commanding officer; Major William O. Williams, medical service; Captain Samuel Sherman, medical service and physical therapy; 2nd row (left to right) Lt. Harold W. Lenthart, M. A. C., commanding officer, patients detachment; Chaplain (1st Lt.) Walter H. Shine, hospital chaplain, Lt. William P. Vandiver, M. A. C., mess officer; Captain Clifford K. Okuno, sanitary corps, laboratory officer; Lt. Edward W. Bernatowicz, M. A. C., commanding officer, medical detachment and medical supply officer; and Captain Frank L. Pita, D.C., dental service. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Kortemeier).

see how much progress is made each day. For an injury that leaves fingers stiffened, a man runs his fingers up and down these little steps—first maybe just one or two, but up and down, until they can go as high as the arm can reach and before long that trigger finger is just as good as new.

"The wheel of chance" copied from its predecessor on the state fair midway is just that—lacking numbers of course and the inevitable "kewpie doll" prize—but the stakes are much higher. Complete use of shoulder and arm put out of use by breaks or sprains is the goal of this machine. A man grabs hold of a knob built onto this wheel and starts turning. Round and round it goes, and you know that with every turn of that wheel the injured member is getting more and more limber and the stiffness is being gradually worked out, restoring it to full use again. That is the prize from this wheel.

A "foot rocker" is still another device. It is more like a shoeshine box than anything else. A man places his foot on the last and a rocks back and forth and the sores in a broken or strained ankle is soon worked out.

BAKING CABINET

But these are just a few of the things accomplished for soldiers with sick muscles. There is the electric baking cabinet with a controlled temperature of 110 degrees. While the patient is in this cabinet having all body soreness and stiffness steamed out, he is given salt water continuously to drink to replace the chloride in his system lost by perspiration. Ultraviolet machines used are so powerful that five minutes is equal to one hour in the sun. The infra-ray lamps are used for "deep under the skin" treatment.

For stiffened joints and limbs the whirlpool bath is the quickest method for aiding nature. This limb or joint is placed in a washing machine-like device. Water, electrically controlled as to heat, is flooded into the tub. A motor sets in motion the water with a terrific force that duplicates therapeutic action and hastens recovery to these joints and limbs.

You find here a new use for the medicine ball. Patients lie flat on the ball and roll round and round, exercising stomach muscles that have become inactive from operations—maybe bayonet stabs. That ball is also used in a home-made punching bag. It is placed in a discarded fruit sack, hung from a rack, and there is a punching bag for building muscles that have become flabby from inaction.

Naturally—this ward has all the latest, modern equipment such as a Diathermy machine used in treating pneumonia patients that have not fully recovered. This

same machine is used in giving the boys "beauty treatments." It removes molds, scars and any disfiguring marks from the face.

Recreation in its fullest sense is capably handled by Aileen Miner in charge of Red Cross activities at the unit. Housed in a separate building with rooms for visiting mothers, sweethearts or any member of the soldier's family, this building also has a large reading room, a recreation hall with a piano, a completely equipped stage where movies are shown every night, a special room for the Arts and Crafts, and a game room.

All outdoor sports are encouraged and at one time there may be in progress a badminton game, croquet, volley ball or horse shoes. Included in the outdoor program is the immense grill and oven constructed by the men with material for which they combated the hill-sides, fields and streams. Outdoor parties are encouraged around this grill and Military Maids from nearby Columbus invited as special guests.

But don't get the idea this convalescent hospital has been all easy sailing. The first 30 patients sent out from the Station Hospital on the Main Post were a pretty rebellious lot, feeling that the War Department "snatched"

their 30 days' sick leave from under their nose.

As the number one patient of this group wrote, "You didn't make the mistake of throwing the whole book or Army Regulations at us when we were so rebellious. Instead, you and your staff recognized the cause of the feeling and set to work to make up to us for the lost furlough."

"All in all, Sir, I think that Unit is a tremendously successful experiment. I enjoyed immensely my stay there. I made some friends that I will always remember, and my stay there was an experience that will always be one of the highlights of my Army life."

Capt. Willie Ruff is adjutant for the hospital. Members of the staff include Major William O. Williams, Surgical Service; Capt. Frank L. Pita, Chief, Dental Service; First Lieut. Edward W. Bernatowicz, commanding officer of the detachment and supply officer; Second Lieut. William P. Vandiver, mess officer; First Lieut. Leonard R. Levy, assistant to the chief of dental service; and Second Lieut. Harold W. Lenthart, Herbert A. Bergi, Joseph Sanfilippo, Jacob A. Hartford, Thomas J. McGinley and Warner B. Frohman, member of the staff of reconditioning section. Lieut. Lenthart is also commanding officer

Medical Care For Families Still Growing

Now serving an average of 3,334 persons a month, the Columbus Army Dispensary is rapidly expanding its care of armed-forces personnel and their dependents living in and around Columbus, thus helping to answer the rapid growth of Fort Benning and the overloading of the post dispensary.

Under the present command of Major Cyril F. Floyd, the Columbus Dispensary is unique in that personnel and dependents of all branches of the services are cared for, and for this reason might well be called the cross-roads of treatment centers.

Opened in the latter part of January, 1941, the dispensary's patients include personnel and dependents of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Sea Bees, as well as French and other foreign officers, and retired personnel of the Army. Located in the Doctors Building in downtown Columbus, the dispensary's first record for a full month in 1941 showed the handling of 1445 cases. In September of this year, 3685 cases were handled—an indication of the dispensary's rapid growth.

MAJOR AT HEAD

Directing the work of the clinic is Major Floyd, a veteran of World War I when he saw service with the Naval and Marine forces. A native of Alabama, Major Floyd was in charge of Dispensary A at Fort Benning for more than three years, and during his 10 years of active service with the Army has served at Fort Barrancas, Fla., and been in charge of the outpatient service at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Major Floyd's staff consists of

of the detachment of patients and plans and training officer. First Lieut. Walter H. Shine is chaplain, and Second Lieut. Ben J. Snipes and Gordon O. Merkel are in charge of athletics.



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Post Red Cross Opens Sub-office

Opening of a Red Cross sub-office for the exclusive use of Parachute School troops, was announced by Ralph J. Mitchell, Fort Benning field director.

The new office, which opened Monday morning, will be located on Waite street in the parachute school area.

Three medical officers, one Army nurse, nine enlisted personnel and one civilian, Captain Luke J. Berardi of the 7th Armored Division and a native of New York, is one of the three medical officers assisting Major Floyd in caring for the patients, and is the second in length of service at the 17th Infantry Regiment and a native of Pennsylvania, and Capt. F. L. Lam of the newly arrived 131st Infantry.

VETERAN NURSE

1st Lieut. Alice Johnson, a member of the Army Nurse Corps for more than 25 years, has charge of the dressing and treatment rooms serving 1,000 to 1,500 babies. A native of New York, Lieutenant Johnson served in France in the last war, and since then has not only served at many posts in this country but has been on duty in Hawaii and the Philippines.

Staff Sgt. J. E. Lee, of Columbus, is chief of the enlisted personnel and the office files. He is assisted by Sgt. Arnold C. Satterfield, of Chattanooga, Tenn. Technicians Fifth Grade T. J. McGinnis of New York, and E. G. Barney of Oklahoma are on night service. Sgt. W. R. Reynolds, a native of Florida, is laboratory technician, while Sgt. P. A. Wheelis of Alabama is pharmacy technician. Drivers for the dispensary are Cpl. C. McSwain of Florida, T-5 J. Neely of North Carolina and Pfc. R. Lozowski of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mabel Farrar, a civilian and a native of Alabama, assists Lieutenant Johnson in her work at the dispensary.

school area. In charge will be Charles McKagen, assistant field director, aided by two other Red Cross representatives, and two clerks.

Mr. Mitchell announced that all affairs for the school proper will be transacted through this office. Files on all parachute school personnel will be transferred to the new office. However, he stressed that other organizations, not members of the Parachute School, in that area must still come to the main Red Cross office for assistance.

This sub-station will not replace the Red Cross office in Alabama area, which will continue to function as usual.

The sandal was the everyday shoe of the ancient Greeks, subject originated in Finland in 1858.

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Twenty thousand passenger car permits have been issued to date to private vehicles to pass through the No. 1 Outpost of the Fort, according to information released this week by the Provost Marshal's office.

And this does not include the great number of Army vehicles that pass through daily, carrying from four to twenty-five passengers each.

With rare exceptions, such as men who must carry on their work at odd hours of the night, no private sedan can get gas unless it carries four people, nor a coupe unless it carries three people. Small private trucks carrying laundry, quartermaster, and ordinance help are often loaded with as many as 15 persons, thus bringing the per capita load to more than four persons per car, it is stated.

"It takes 25,000 ration books to handle this necessary gas servicing of the cars of people who work on the Post during the day and live in Columbus," stated a spokesman for the Marshall's office. "Of course, many additional people travel in the public carriers and in the Army trucks back and forth daily through the Outpost."

NEW HIGHWAY
Traffic between the Post and Columbus has been greatly improved during the past year by the newly completed three-mile section of the Cusseta super-highway. This double-way four-lane modern traffic artery, being built from Columbus across the Fort Benning reservation to Cusseta is graded and bridged for 12 miles and paved completely over half that distance. As it is completed all traffic will be required to run on it, thus relieving a lot of congestion on the strictly military highways of the Post.

Other roads graded or otherwise improved and so greatly aiding the easy flow of traffic within the Post during the past year include the 7-mile of the Tenth Armored Road, six miles of the Red Arrow Road, and three miles of the Red Diamond Road, according to information from the Post Office.

2nd Army Special Troops Officers Get Promotions
Promotion of 1st Lt. Carl S. Brown, commanding officer of the 24th Ordnance Depot Company to the rank of captain, and Lt. Charles M. Patton, assistant adjutant of the 4th Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, to the rank of first lieutenant, is announced by Colonel George E. Jacobs, commanding officer of the Second Army Special Troops.

Captain Brown, a native of Encinitas, Calif., attended the University of California, and before entering the service was employed by the Berkeley Board of Education.

Lieutenant Patton, a native of Cincinnati, O., was commissioned from the Adjutant General's school at Fort Washington, Md., and before entering the service was employed by a firm of certified public accountants in Cincinnati.

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'Pistol Packin' Mama' Is 7th Armored Favorite

"Pistol Packin' Mama," "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey," and "People Will Say We're In Love" are the three favorite songs among the gun-totin', hard-working 7th Armored Division's soldiers, a survey of the 10 post exchanges revealed.

The nation-wide favorite "Pistol Packin' Mama" was considered in the lead. But there were others that have gained popularity with "Lucky Seventh" fellows, such as "Ferryboat Serenade," "Murder," "Star Dust," "Velvet Moon" and "Something To Remember You By."

After the day's work is ended soldiers stroll to the PX nearest them. They exchange jokes, drink beer and soda, play the juke boxes. Thoughts of home and love, delight and anger, humor and appreciation, all these moods and fancies pop up—and then music, music as long as the doors are open.

335th Ordnance Bn. Activated

The 335th Ordnance Battalion, which has been recently activated, has been attached to the Headquarters Fourth Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army at Fort Benning. It was announced by Colonel George E. Jacobs, commanding officer of the Second Army Special Troops at Fort Benning. The unit is located in the Pine Woods area of the post, and is commanded by Major F. J. Sikosek.



POINTING OUT SOME OF THE COMPLICATED GADGETS on one of the most modern and completely equipped fire trucks in the country, Fort Benning Fire Chief Joseph L. Hogan (center) discusses the vehicle with First Assistant Fire Chief Gilbert A. Ward (left) and Second Assistant Fire Chief W. T. McCall (right). Capable of speeding to a fire at the rate of 100 miles per hour, the vehicle is an American La France Triple Combination 750 gallon fire truck with 190 horsepower. Equipped with four sets of batteries and two self starters, as well as almost every known modern type of fire fighting equipment, the truck reputedly rides smoother than a sedan. (Credit U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Post Has Largest Fire Department in Army; Second Largest in State

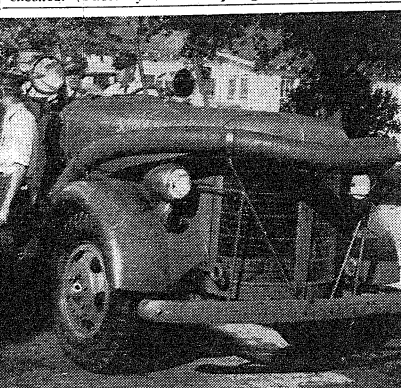
Even in the dead of night it takes less than 30 seconds after a fire alarm rings for Fort Benning firemen to dress and start speed-equipment from the Fort Benning fire department, which, according to Fire Chief Joseph L. Hogan, is the largest and modern in the Army, and the second largest fire department in the state of Georgia.

Sleeping with trousers legs within their fireman's boots, the firefighters rouse themselves in a flash when they hear the alarm, thrust their feet inside their boots, and with their pants therefore already on, they throw their suspenders over their shoulders, and board the truck to finish putting on their coat and hat and belt while the truck is speeding on its way.

Equipped with almost every



SUNSET AND EVENING STREAM OF CARS of Fort Benning workers headed for their homes in Columbus, as seen by the camera from Outpost No. 1. Twenty thousand of these private vehicles have been granted permits to pass through this major gate of the Post, but they must pass through in single line on this one-way street so that they may be checked. (Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps.)



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known piece of equipment for fighting fire, including gas mask, fog nozzles, and the finest searchlights to penetrate the thickest smoke, the firemen also go into the fray with the same thorough and complete training they would obtain were they a member of the New York or Chicago fire departments, except for the drill tower experience which is not needed at the post.

GO TO SCHOOL
For these firemen spend approximately six hours every day in "school" at their stations where they learn and practice the methods of forcible entries to fires, salvage, laying lines and fire streams, fire protection and fire prevention, fire fighting, first aid, rescue work, lowering people from buildings, hoisting equipment, how to tie the various kinds of knots needed in their trade, and how to use all their equipment. Further, they spend 30 minutes every morning doing calisthenics so they will be in tip-top physical shape for the strenuous work that frequently arises for them to do.

One of the two oldest fire chiefs in the Army—the other is a brother who is fire chief at McDill Field, Tampa, Fla.—Chief Hogan believes in having firemen who are trained to the highest possible degree. Sent to Fort Benning in October, 1936, to reorganize the Benning fire department, Chief Hogan found it difficult to obtain experienced men, so he started training them himself. Proving highly successful, the training program has been continued and expanded by the chief, and has been used as the model for the establishment of a school for firemen by the service command.

26 VEHICLES
The rapid expansion of the Benning Fire Department until only Atlanta has a larger department in the state of Georgia is shown by the fact that when Chief Hogan came to Benning in 1936, the post had only two 750 gallon pumpers and 98 men to take care of fire protection and fire fighting on the post. At the present time, the department has 171 civilian firemen, 26 motor vehicles and 11 stations on the post. In addition there are several enlisted men assisting in the work.

Fire trucks total 19, while the seven other trucks and vehicles are for the use of the assistant

all calls for Baker Village. Further, the Columbus and Fort Benning departments have worked out reciprocal agreements where by either will respond to the call of the other in case of emergencies.

Both the stations and the trucks are equipped like those in a city. There are night bells and lights in the stations. The fire alarm system consists of 272 fire phones scattered throughout the entire post, and connect directly to the fire alarm offices. In addition, the post has automatic fire alarm system in the Station Hospital Annex, in Station Hospital Number 2, and in the prison camp. The automatic fire alarm systems consist of a sprinkling system and manual boxes, and have thermoscopes, which transmit an alarm when a sudden rise of heat expands the air in the tubing.

Of the 272 fire phones, 116 are

BACK TO SCHOOL

Members of The Infantry School staff are going back to school for advanced studies. Forty of them are now in the 1st Student Training Regiment's 15th Company, to which 1st Lieutenant Wesley B. Frace, for ten months Infantry School librarian, has been assigned as tactical officer. He is a resident of Columbus, Ga.

WACs at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., call their mail orderly "Postal Packin' Mama."

located on the main post, 84 in Harmony Church, 46 in Sand Hill and 26 in Alabama. All fire phones are tested and maintained by the fire department, which also takes care of fire plugs, flushing them and keeping them in perfect working order at all times.

Educational work is one of the important activities of the department, which has put on demonstrations for approximately 49,000 soldiers within the past 60 days. This educational work includes lectures on fire prevention, demonstrations of different types of fire extinguishers and their use, and the kinds of fires for which the different types of extinguishers are used. Further, they demonstrate with a model how short circuits in electric fuses cause fires, and how the use of pennies in fuse boxes result in fires from overloaded electric lines.

FIRE PREVENTION
Prevention of fires is an activity which the fire department stresses and works upon with every available ounce of energy. They are always on the lookout for any sort of fire hazard, and there is a continuous inspection of all areas of the post to search out these hazards and eliminate them before they can cause trouble. Pvt. George Bender of the Medical Detachment is fire prevention engineer, and has 20 civilian inspectors under him to concentrate on this work. In addition, the fire department has consistently appealed to residents on the post to telephone the department any time they are in doubt as to whether a fire hazard exists. The department can have an inspector at any part of the post within five minutes to check on these matters, Chief Hogan says.

Fiscal Functions Are Now Centralized

Centralization of all fiscal functions of the Post were accomplished in September this year when Lt. Homer D. Wright, a new addition to the staff here, was made fiscal officer.

Colonel Wright and his office are now responsible for all budgeting and estimating, accounting and reporting, certification of availability of funds, and internal audits of post funds, in this new setup.

Eliminated are the branch fiscal functions in the Medical Department, Quartermaster, Ordnance, Motor Transport District, Signal Office, Post Engineer, Engineer Property Office, Chemical Depot, Transportation Office, Finance Office, and Civilian Personnel.

Assisting the Colonel are 2nd

Lt. Joseph Berlin, assistant post fiscal officer, and Miss Mary E. Reynolds, chief clerk, with seven other civilian employees.

The office is located in the finance office annex, on Vibbert Avenue, near the Main Post Post Office.

CLUB BALI OKEHD

The Club Bali on 14th street above Third Avenue in Phenix City, formerly called Jim Harris' Cafe, has been declared "on limits" to all military personnel, according to an order issued at post headquarters. The former establishment has previously been one of many cafes in Phenix City on the off-limits list.

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244th F. A. Battalion Shows TIS Students Effect of Fire Power

The devastating effect of field artillery fires shown in The Infantry School demonstrations held at Fort Benning has been furnished by twelve 105 mm howitzers manned and fired by the 244th Field Artillery Battalion. This Field Artillery unit, which is a part of the School Troops Brigade, of the Infantry School, has for the last six months participated in Infantry School demonstrations for the purpose of giving the students a chance to see, in actual operation, the different artillery techniques.

The 244th Field Artillery Battalion was activated August 8, 1942 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, under the command of Lt. Col. George E. Cook. The original cadre came from the 172nd Field Artillery, a National Guard Regiment from the State of New Hampshire.

Men came to the newly activated unit from the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Pennsylvania. Basic training was completed at Camp Shelby and in April 1943 the Battalion was assigned to The Infantry School Troops Brigade. Soon after arrival at Fort Benning, Lt. Col. Cook left for an important assignment on the West Coast and Lt. Col. Louis Mercado assumed command. For the past seven months the Battalion has been under the able and efficient guidance of Colonel H. G. Elliott, Commanding Officer, Field Artillery School Troops at Fort Benning.

PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE

The 244th Field Artillery Battalion was a member of The Infantry School Baseball League and in spite of the fact that the team was inexperienced, they gave all the opposing teams a good last game. Pvt. Norbert Schulte, versatile shortstop for the 244th, was awarded a \$50.00 War Bond for being the most valuable player on the team.

Headquarters Battery, 244th Field Artillery Battalion was given the honor of firing a 21-gun salute for President Roosevelt on his arrival here at Fort Benning this summer. They did the honors again a short time later when General Henri Giraud, France arrived here for a short visit and later for Maj. Gen.

Dutra, Brazilian Minister of War. On Sunday, August 8th, the first anniversary of the 244th Field Artillery Battalion was celebrated at the Student Training Brigade Rest Camp with a Battalion party that was enjoyed by a large crowd. On Saturday, October 2nd the 244th participated in a joint Field Day with the 252nd Field Artillery Battalion. This successful event included individual and group contests and brought the two Field Artillery Battalions together for a sports event that was packed with plenty of thrills.

Raccoons 'Take Up' With Luckies; Are Now Pets

Two raccoons captured last week by Privates Hubert Coley and Arthur McChes are attached to Division Staff Officers' mess for food and shelter. The animals were caught in a hollow log a few feet away from the mess, and as they get better acquainted with the mess sergeant and cooks they are becoming more and more domestic—and have found a home in the 7th Armored Division.

The pair of pets were seen the day before they were caught as the cook's helpers went to and from their company. They were later discovered in the tree where they evidently had been hidden by their mother.

The 'coons, as they are known throughout the Southland, seem to be contented as they eat. They eat green vegetables, syrup, fish and any number of edibles. They have apparently become accustomed to their new environment. A male and female, the 'coons have not as yet been named. They have been named mascots of the Officer's staff mess, however, and between meals are taking basic training every day now.

Lawson Field Officers' Wives Organize Club

In an effort to give newcomers a feeling of belonging, and to acquaint the women with the various phases of work at Lawson Field and Fort Benning, the wives of the officers at Lawson Field met last week at the Lawson Field Officer's club.

The women were welcomed by Mrs. John E. Albert, who, with Mrs. W. A. Capers, was hostess at luncheon.

During a discussion of business, plans were made for meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, and for taking part in the Red Cross activities at Fort Benning.

The following officers have already begun their duties: Mrs. John E. Albert, president; Mrs. Donovan C. Maffett, vice president; Mrs. Ormond, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George A. Key, recording secretary; Mrs. William J. Jones, treasurer; Mrs. B. H. Tucker and Mrs. J. W. Christner in charge of transportation.

Each organization at the Field is represented on the Board of Governors: Mrs. William A. Capers, 54th Base Hq., and A. B. Sgdn.; Mrs. Ormond, 5th I. C. Sgdn.; Mrs. Christine, 307th I. C. Sgdn.; Mrs. Schumacher, 308th T. C. Sgdn.; Mrs. William J. Jones, 7th Recn. Sgdn.; Mrs. William Chopin, 53rd Sub Depot.



THERE ARE TIMES when the Infantry runs into a problem that is a little too much for its own fire power whereupon it calls upon the artillery for assistance. To demonstrate how this assistance is rendered, The Infantry School has an artillery battalion available for demonstrations before Officer Candidate and Officer classes. Top photo shows a 105 mm. howitzer in a concealed position, ready for action. Crew in the bottom photo is waiting for a fire order. (Official U. S. Army Photos—The Infantry School.)



THIS IS ONE OF THE HOWITZERS of the Infantry's School's 252nd Field Artillery in action—but the action did not take place in Fort Benning. The photo was taken at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin where the artillery battalion was activated a little over a year ago and where the troops trained in sub zero weather. (Official U. S. Army Photo—131st Infantry.)

252nd F. A. Men Learned To Handle Guns Quickly

One of the highlights in the brief history of the 252nd Field Artillery battalion of The Infantry School Troops Brigade occurred just about a year ago this week. The battalion had been activated at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin, October 26, 1942, and three weeks later, it had gone on the range and fired its 105 howitzers. Firing of howitzers is, of course, not unusual even three weeks after the activation of an artillery unit. But it is unusual to take a batch of civilians fresh from their draft boards and train them sufficiently well enough so that they can man a battery of howitzers three weeks from the day they exchanged their civilian clothes.

That's what the 252nd did up in Wisconsin. Its personnel consists largely of men from Wisconsin. The exceptions are the officers, most of whom were newly graduated from Fort Sill, and the non-commissioned officers who were sent east from Fort Lewis, Washington.

All of the basic training was given within the battalion, and points up the remarkable feat of range firing while still in the early stages of basic training.

AWAIT WINTER

The 252nd, now located in the Harmony Church area, is looking forward to the winter months and the changes which they offer in living conditions from those experienced last winter. All last winter, which was one of the coldest in Wisconsin's history, the troops drilled in sub-zero weather. They often took 25-mile hikes with the temperature 10 below. On one occasion, it reached 32 below zero.

Just before the battalion was ordered to The Infantry School, it passed its battery and battalion tests with high marks.

The battalion boasts a drum and bugle corps. With the 244th Field Artillery, it fielded a base-

ball team during the last half of The Infantry School league here last summer.

The 252nd is commanded by Lt. Col. L. M. deRiemer, a graduate of West Point in 1929. Col. deRiemer is a former cavalry officer and a graduate of the Training Officers' course of the Cavalry School. He transferred to Field Artillery in 1937 and was graduated from Fort Sill in 1940. He is a native of Washington.

The motto of the battalion is "On les Aura," a battle cry of French origin, meaning, "We'll Get Them."

COMMANDING THE 252ND FIELD ARTILLERY, one of the demonstration units of The Infantry School is Lt. Col. L. M. deRiemer, (inset) a former cavalryman who transferred to artillery in 1937. He is a West Pointer, class of 1929. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

A soldier's ability to interpret sounds often determines the information he acquires as a scout, as well as his security while on patrol.

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1st STR Unit Wins 2 Honors

Returning to their area to find two flags prominently displayed for "Honor Men" and "Honor Barracks," officers of the 10th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, applauded vigorously when Captain Arthur R. Barry, when Captain Arthur R. Barry, announced the 2nd Battalion's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Irving Lehrfeld, had awarded them both banners.

Any casual observer of this class can spot instantly the high level of esprit de corps and morale reached in three weeks of school-soldiering. Littering lawyers are few and far between; beefing is seldom heard. The men just take their assignments, duties and chores, and do them as best they can.

It's two down and an unknown quantity to go now as the second "Graded Test" has become past history. After taking over their "GT" in map-reading, the class strode into position and outfanked the rifle committee as it threw its dreaded test. Several high scores were made on the range through their dry shooting.

Members of this Basic Class are favorably impressed by the practical manner in which The Infantry School presents its subject. Experienced instructors, visual aids, demonstrations, critiques and practical applications force home the topic of discussion.

The weather's sudden change caught several officer-students napping. But not for long. Woolen undershirts blossomed in Georgia's sunny climate, and no one complained of the heat that day. When the changeover to winter-wear brought the order for woollens, students bade a fond adieu to khaki for the duration of their course.

The Band Played On As Musico Becomes A Papa

Sgt. Harry Haines' Academic Regiment band was entertaining at the Main Officers' Club last Thursday night—but for the first time in the history of the band, Haines was not there.

Haines was stamping up and down the hall at the Main Post Hospital. At ten p. m. he was a father. The safe arrival of Harry, Jr., means that Haines will be back with his Infantry School orchestra when it plays at the Polo Hunt Club Saturday night and at the Main Officers' Club Sunday.

"I'll let Harry be a senator from Virginia first," the regiment's file clerk and band leader says, "until he's 35 when naturally he'll be president—unless he wants to be a famous band leader."

The Fort Benning soldier who plans his conversation beforehand can say a lot in three minutes. And the briefer his conversation, the more calls can be completed—which means better service for everyone.

Voters' League Urges Army Wives To Join Unit

More Army wives are urged to join the ranks of those who have

already animated themselves with the Columbus League of Women Voters. A study group of the problems of foreign policy and post-war planning is being conducted by Mrs. Wilson M. Stone, an Army wife who was recently elected president of the League.

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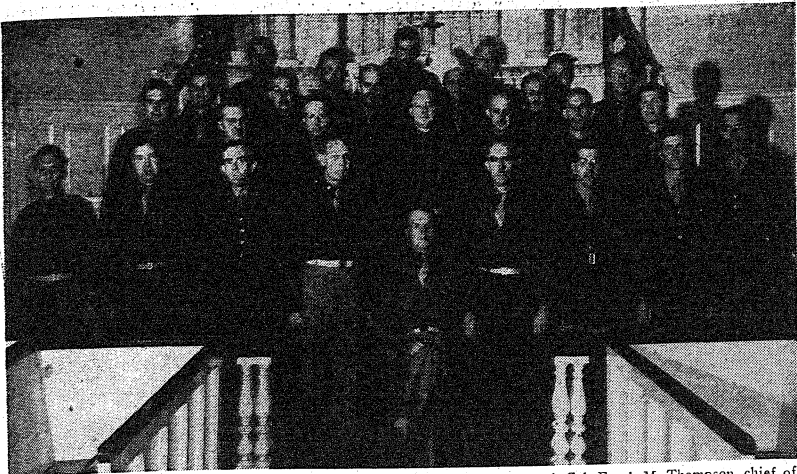
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Post Chaplain's Corps Mushrooms During Past Thirty-Month Period

Ten Chapels, 25 Chaplains Now Serve Benning's Spiritual Needs

When Colonel Frank M. Thompson assumed his present assignment as chief of chaplains less than two and one-half years ago at Fort Benning, there was but one chapel on the Main Post having a complement of three chaplains and serving all faiths.

Today Col. Thompson supervises a staff of 25 chaplains, and there are 10 chapels on the Main Post. In addition, the colonel has another 15 chaplains who are assigned to units stationed on the post who look to his office for guidance.

Chaplain of all faiths work under Col. Thompson. Father of captain, supervises the work of William H. Hunt, holding the rank of Catholic chaplains on the post.

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O. C. Reminisces Over His Alaska Duty Tour

It was cold in the "reading room" of the barracks after lights were out with all the windows closed.

"If I flunk out, hope they send me back overseas," O. C. Elmo Gelinei of the Sixth Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, pipes up.

"Where were you?" asks one OC, continuing to stare fixedly at the wall.

"Alaska." A general officer went down the rows.

"In Amchitka, 60 miles from Kiska it was worse. We got 25 pounds of coal a day to heat a five-man frame tent," O. C. Gelinei added, enjoying himself. Incidentally, he pronounces it Jell-inny "but call me anything you like, as long as you don't call me late for supper."

"We had some swell flying on Amchitka. One Liberator had the front wheel of his tricycle landing gear shot off and if he tried to land, she would bounce on her nose and turn, so the pilot got orders to bail out with the new landing gear. The pilot made eight turns over the field—and those five-mile turns burn up a lot of gas. The ninth time he made it—well, landing. The plane was ready, but the fire-wagon was ready, but luckily they weren't needed."

"One guy who deserved the Congressional medal was the pilot of a PHY patrol plane—one of those slow, fat ducks. He picked up seven survivors from the ship Kiska harbor, was hit by a Jap gun blazing around, and never a scratch."

GAVE 'EM HELL

"The Japs really got hell on Kiska one time from one of our lieutenants."

"They gave him permission to take out a dozen planes to try out a bunch. The Japs, naturally, had all their AA defenses pointing out over Kiska harbor and toward Amchitka. The lieutenant took the planes out around and past Kiska—when Jap detectors heard them, they assumed the planes were headed farther west for Attu. Then the lieutenant doubled back, and came in for a low-altitude attack on Kiska from the rear, through a valley between two mountains. The Jap AA guns were all pointed the other way. That attack did as much damage as the last dozen raids."

"It was really cold when we first got to Kodiak, Alaska, two months before Pearl Harbor—we nearly got sent to the Philippines. They didn't expect us at Kodiak; there were no rations and no quarters, so we slept in garages until we put up our own frame tents. Then the weather went one better than the Bible and it dripped for 46 days."

"The local inhabitants really hated the Japs. They stole their fish and their seals. Even the Eskimos hated them. The Saturday before Pearl Harbor we had a party for two dogfies who were quitting the Army—because they were over 28. When we heard the news next day that Pearl Harbor had been bombed we couldn't believe it. Things started humming then."

Only 1200 people live in Kodiak, and prices went sky-high. You paid as much as two or three bucks for a meal. We did some bear-hunting in our spare time. The Kodiak bear is the largest bear in the world—it stands 10 feet on its haunches. Esquire's Petty was up there for some hunting."

"From there we went to Adak and then to Amchitka. We had our first bombing attack as the ship came into the harbor. Two Jap bombers came over. We were below deck and feeling pretty tense. Then some of the guys started wisecracking, and we started taking the bombing as a big joke—some of the boys were even laying bets as to whether we would be hit."

"We wore wet clothes for six days after the landing, until supplies started to come in. The Japs bombed us 13 times during the first month, with planes based on Kiska."

LITTLE RECREATION

"Recreation was hard to come by. We were 1800 miles from the nearest woman, or PX, or even tree. We had some books, and my month-old copy of LIFE was a prized treasure in the whole company."

"Duck-hunting was forbidden, because the shots would put the whole island on the alert. But when those Jap planes came over a bunch of guys would go down to the beach and shoot ducks—while those AA guns were blazing, no one could hear a few rifle shots. Good eating."

"In August I was chosen for OCS and sent back to Seattle by plane. Was good to get back to some warm weather. But I was disillusioned in Seattle. There was none of that comradeship among soldiers and civilians we had gotten used to up north."

"Although I have 75 days' leave

TIS Wac Detachment Completes 1st 6 Months

The first WAC Detachment assigned to The Infantry School completed its first six months of service here yesterday and the second detachment is now in its sixth week at this station.

In the time they have been here, they have demonstrated efficient aptitude for the duties assigned them.

Up until a few weeks ago, the WACS were assigned to duty in the Harmony Church installations of The Infantry School. But when the new detachment arrived, it was promptly put to work at the Headquarters of the School.

Under a new re-organization, the Harmony Church Detachment is known as Section One, WAC Detachment of The Infantry School. The Detachment located on the Main Post is known as Section Two, WAC Detachment of The Infantry School. The latter is not to be confused with the Second Section of the Main Post WAC Detachment.

ARRIVED APRIL 10

The Harmony Church Detachment, formerly the 84th, was first commanded by Lt. Letitia Gentile when it arrived April 10. It numbered over 100. Its members were assigned to duties in the various

offices of the Student Training Brigade and Second and Third Regiments, at the Officers' Club, Dental House, Service Club and Dental Clinic.

Lt. Gentile was succeeded by Lt. Eleanor Wildes and still later by the present commander, Lt. Doris Hough. It was formerly assigned to the Third Regiment for administration and ratios but, like the Number Two Section, is now assigned to the Academic Regiment.

The Second Section, commanded by Capt. Janet Nash, arrived Oct. 1, after a tour of duty with the Second Army at Memphis. It was at first assigned to the First Student Training Regiment for administration and supply. Under a tentative organization, Captain Nash commanded both the Harmony Church and Main Post units. She now commands the Main Post, or Number Two, Detachment only.

Neither of the units is up to its full strength.

Drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, which is scheduled to start soon, is going to give Big League baseball an awful boot in the bunions.

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West Point Star Athlete Enrolled In 1st Regiment

One of the leading West Point athletes now attending the Officers Basic Course at The Infantry School is Lieut. Alexander R. Bolling, of the 11th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, of which Colonel John S. Roosa is commanding officer.

Coming from the Nation's capital, Bolling gained prominence as an All-American football player during the 1941, '42, and '43 seasons, winning his major "A" in that sport for 1943. His nimble play contributed to the cadets' victories over Loyola by 9-5, Cornell 11-5, Yale 15-1, Penn State 2-3, and Rutgers 9-6 during '43.

Bolling also played backfield in the Army football line-up from 1940 until 1942. In the latter year he won varsity numerals for football.

the post stockade. Every Army newspaper devotes space to the chaplain where they write spiritual messages to the men.

"The average soldier today is much better man than the Yank in 1917-18," Col. Thompson says, "since his spiritual needs and morale are given more stress."

He entered his Army career in 1917 and was overseas with a coast artillery unit in World War I. Later he was stationed with the cavalry troop on the Mexican border; in Baltimore, Md.; Mitchell Field, Long Island, N. Y.; Fort McArthur, Calif.; Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, and Barksdale Field, La., where he was post chaplain.

Coming to Fort Benning as chaplain in the Fourth Division, Col. Thompson became chief of chaplains on this post in August, 1941. He was recently promoted to full colonel.

WELFARE FUND

More than the spiritual needs of soldiers is attended to at the Main Chapel. Recognizing material needs of the men, Chaplain Alfred L. Pollock, a major who is assistant post chaplain, is custodian of the Welfare Council Fund.

The fund was raised some years ago by popular subscription on post to provide money for men who needed it quickly in the event of an emergency. While Army Emergency Relief and the Red Cross are now handling the barracks cases, the Welfare Council Fund still operates.

Chaplain Pollock still lends sometimes as much as \$5,000 to soldiers in one month. There is almost \$20,000 in the fund at the present time, including almost \$6,000 net value in War Bonds and outstanding debts.

Loans are, for the most part, small, and through the shrewd policy of Chaplain Pollock in making loans, there has been little loss or shrinkage in funds.

Five chapels are situated in the Harmony Church area serving the men of the ASTP basic training center, the officer candidates and men of other units stationed in that region. In addition, there is the "chapel in the grove," outdoor worshiping place.

Four chapels operate in the Sand Hill area, supervised by Lt. Col. James De La Vergne, division chaplain of the Seventh Armored division.

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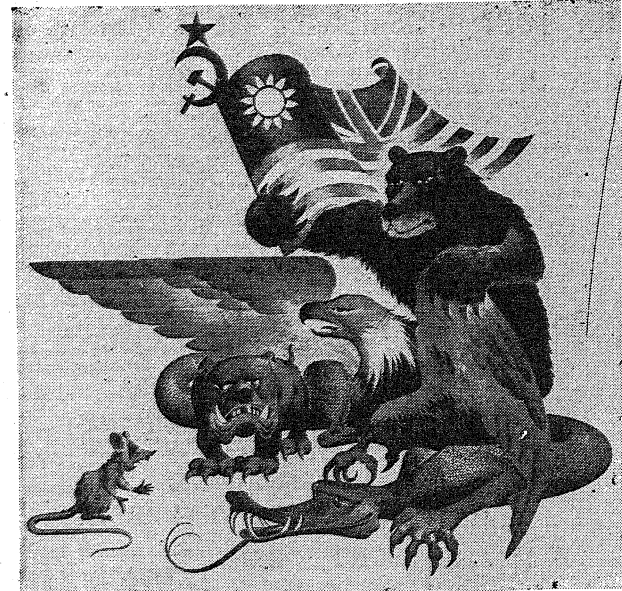
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Billeting Office Proves There's Always Room for One More

It's true that there's always room for one more. The Billeting Office of Fort Benning proves it several times a day by squeezing one more person and the another and still another into overflowing Columbus.

Washington gets all the publicity about over-taxed housing facilities, but conditions around Fort Benning equal anything in the war-crowded capital. And it's up to the Billeting Office to solve the housing problem as it affects personnel at the post.

Capt. John A. White, Billeting Officer and his staff have the job of finding quarters for military personnel stationed at Fort Benning. That includes everything from barracks, tents and huts for troops, to rooms, houses and apartments for married officers, non-coms and soldiers. The post's war-boom population long ago overflowed from the post itself into Columbus and vicinity. There are still no more family quarters on the post than there were when only 5,000 men were stationed here, so the large majority of the married officers and non-coms must live off the post.

Family quarters on the post are assigned according to the officers' rank. Those who must be on call at all hours, such as doctors, are given precedence.

SATURATION POINT

By any peacetime measurement, the saturation point in housing in Columbus was reached a long time ago. Even by wartime standards, the town is classed as badly overcrowded. Vacant houses and apartments are unheard of—they are rented well in advance of their occupants' moving. The best that a new resident can hope for is a furnished room, usually without linen or maid service.

But new officers and their families and the wives of soldiers continue to arrive, and they have to have a place to live. To find rooms for them, the Billeting Office has a downtown office at 12th Street and Broadway.

This is the focal point for army wives seeking rooms for themselves, and for officers and non-coms hunting quarters for their families. The office keeps lists of rooms for rent in Columbus, with notations of any restrictions imposed by landlords. Many rooms are barred to couples with children or pets, so parents and pet owners are sent to see only the rooms where no such objections are raised.

The list of available rooms is always woefully short, but so far the office has always been able to find shelter of some kind for every person who has appealed for help. The USO-Travlers' Aid cooperates in finding rooms for transients, and in getting temporary quarters for new residents until they locate permanent rooms.

NEAR MISSES

But in maintaining its perfect record of always finding rooms, the Billeting Office has had some near misses. Some people have had to go to other towns as far away as 40 miles to find living quarters.

The closest thing to complete failure involved a soldier's young wife and baby. She arrived in Columbus late one afternoon, worn out from two days of traveling in a crowded train. It was one of those times when the supply of rooms had almost disappeared and neither the Billeting Office nor USO could locate a landlord who would take in a small baby, even for one night.

Finally the girl remembered the name of a Columbus minister who was a friend of someone in her home town. The Billeting Office staff got in touch with him and explained the circumstances, and the minister and his wife took the girl and her baby into their home until they could locate a permanent room.

For some time, the office had a system of assigning numbers to

room-seekers. In the order in which they appeared at the office. These people would come to the office early in the morning and wait until a landlord called in to list a vacant room. Many of them had to sit all day waiting for their numbers to come up, and often they had to come back several days before they finally located living quarters.

To eliminate the waste of time and the inconvenience of this method, the office has started a waiting list. Applicants now register, listing their family status, number of children, and any other information that would affect their status as tenants. They leave the telephone numbers and addresses of their temporary quarters, and when rooms are listed, the applicants are notified in the order in which they registered.

GET ROOM FIRST

When a landlord lists a room and states that he will accept tenants with children, that listing is given to the first person with children on the renters' list.

The Billeting Office staff strongly recommends that a soldier find a room before he sends for his wife or family. In most cases, however, the wife comes to Columbus without any prospect of

a room and spends a long and uncomfortable period of time looking for a place to stay. In its work on the post proper, the Billeting Office is faced with the problems common to all landlords, plus a number that are strictly army. It must, for example, house large numbers of troops who come into Fort Benning for a few days for special training, as well as the housekeeping units which are assigned for permanent duty and the troops which spend extended periods of training here.

Officers' quarters are divided among units according to officer strength, and questions of rank and type of duty are considered in assigning the individual quarters. Although a change in rank entitles an officer to larger quarters, most of them realize they are lucky to be able to live on the post, and they do no bother to ask for a change unless they are housed in the older buildings or are badly crowded.

The Billeting Office also is in charge of quarters for bachelor officers and of dormitories for civilian workers. It passes on applications for Baker Village and Benning Park Homes, to make sure that the applicants meet requirements for occupancy.

from the initial landing at Gala until U. S. troops stormed and seized the key city of Troina.

GERMANS GOOD

What kind of fighters are the Germans? "They're good, and we have to train hard to beat them. But we can and are licking them, daily." The captain speaks from the experience of hand-to-hand combat.

Harris was born 23 years ago in New York City. Before war clouds darkened the continent, he spent summer vacations touring France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

Coming from Rye, N. Y., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Harris, reside on Dogwood Lane, he was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduating from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in June, 1941. A month later, he was called to active duty and has been in uniform ever since. He was promoted to first lieutenant in July, 1942, and attained his captaincy on the battlefields of Tunisia in May of this year.

Driving the Afrika Korps steadily toward its doom on the bloody beaches of Bizerte, Captain Harris was in the thick of the Tunisian battles at Oussella, Kasserine Pass, Gafsa, El Guettar and Matser.

As a front-line officer of the American Fifth Army that helped push the Axis out of Sicily, he fought without let-up for 28 days.

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Post Exchange More Than Doubles Personnel To Meet Fort's Need

Physical Plant Also Expanded To Overcome Manpower Shortage

The Post Exchange management the past eighteen months has geared an ever-expanding program to meet the needs of an ever-expanding population at Fort Benning, according to information released this week by Lt. Col. H. E. McGaffey, chief of the local branch of Army Post Exchanges.

In April, 1942, the report states, the south stands and north tower there were 48 branches, 456 civilian employees, and they did a little less than half the volume of business they are doing now.

From April to December, 1942, the trend was upward, averaging almost a third more per month. From January to August, 1943, inclusive, the business moved up another 33 per cent, August showing a heavy gain over the average of the year to that date, with 1,054 civilian employees.

At this time there are 1,260 civilian employees and the business has advanced another 10 per cent.

During the latter part of 1942, the report states, several definite improvements were made including the reopening of the grocery store June 8, in the old Bigler mess hall, following its destruction by fire May 26, and the opening of a new jewelry repair shop and the purchase of modern fixtures for the main post branch in July; and the authorization, in October, of the new cafeteria, soda shop and office building on Ingersoll and Wood avenues.

Improvements and changes were even greater for Fort Benning's PX in 1943 than the previous nine months, the report continues. All activities have been moved out of

March, is now furnishing vegetables for the PX grocery.

The Patio Grill, an outside drink and entertainment place, completed this summer, has been very helpful in adding a good amusement spot for the main post, with Harmony Church, Sand Hill, the Alabama area have been provided with beer gardens that are doing the same for those parts off the main post itself.

The Post Exchange GI's has a unique place in a great concentration of population that is primarily men. With public utilities for a population of 150,000 people Fort Benning as a city would have a shopping district of some magnitude and stores and shops covering a variety of wants and needs, for both males and female. Here on the Post a government-owned chain store does the work of that shopping district.

DECENTRALIZED

The branches of the PX are very decentralized and scattered all over the populated parts of the 200,000 acres of ground that make this reservation quite a place. They are flexible, too, and whenever and wherever a new unit moves into the expanding military set here a PX is located in some sort of a building or tent that the men may be able to buy, and if there is no tent or building, a truck is used so that the GI's will have their food luxuries, drinks, toilet articles and small daily needs.

In spite of this general decentralization, however, during the past year there has been a decided move toward having a convenient shopping district located

Luckies To Be Guests of Three Arts League

With the distribution of 200 free season tickets to Fort Benning soldiers on a pro rata basis, some 30-40 music-lovers of Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silverter's "Lucky 7th" Armored division will have the opportunity of enjoying this winter's series of the Columbus Three Arts League concerts in Jordan high school auditorium.

Mrs. Winifred Baker, senior

on the Main Post, and the area selected is one on Wold Avenue which at the time included only the Howard Bus Depot. To that locality came the Main PX, a store with modern fixtures and display cases; then another building housing the new clothing store, watch and jewelry repair shop, a barber and beauty shop, and a hat and shoe repair shop. This will be expanded as need and convenience dictate, it is stated.

"Three departments," Colonel McGaffey states, "are particularly outstanding in our expanded set-up. They are the uniform department where OC students, officers, and men have a chance to get a big cut in the price of uniforms; the grocery department where officers living on the post with their families have a chance to get some dividends; and the Patio Grill, with the beer gardens, which have done so much in keeping the men on the post with good entertainment."

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hostess at the Sand Hill service club will have a limited number of tickets for 7th Armored music lovers after Nov. 17, although season tickets may be secured from either Mrs. Bass Lewis, president of Three Arts League or Mrs. Edgar Bullock, membership chairman, before that time.

Program for the series is: Nov. 18—James Melton, Metropolitan tenor; Dec. 10—Helen Howe, solo dramatist; Jan. 11—Ruth Draper and Larry Adler, world-famous tapdancer and harmonica player; Feb. 14—Sanmaria, pianist.

Catherine de Medici is credited with the establishment of the French perfume industry in Grasse.

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Women Keep 'em Rolling In Ord nance Shop

Ladies in Overalls Enlisted As Boom Hits Fort Benning

The grease-stained, oiled figures under the trucks in the Ordnance automotive group shops at Fort Benning look pretty much alike at a casual glance. But look again. The one under that ton-and-a-half is a woman. So is the one further down the shop who is working on a jeep.

There are others in the electrical department, in the parts and tool rooms, in the tire warehouse. Still more are in the upholstery department, the radiator repair shop, and the paint shop. Throughout the maintenance department, women are helping to "Keep 'em Rolling."

They are a part of the force which services Fort Benning's fleet of trucks, army cars and jeeps, peeps, and trailers. The shops, which are operated under the general direction of Col. Charles Carlton, commanding officer of the Motor Transport District, and under the immediate supervision of Capt. M. A. Sutton, maintenance officer, repair all types of vehicles.

The shops first hired women as machinists in March, when it became impossible to get sufficient men. Now they are being employed in jobs ranging from messengers to mechanics, and the quality of their work earns them high praise from their male bosses.

As mechanics' helpers, they are tops with O. G. Connors, superintendent of maintenance, who would "rather have women than men" for the job.

The women, who range in age from 18 to 30, are civil service employees. Many are wives of soldiers, and one has two sons in the navy.

A few of them learned their trades working in the shop, but most have attended some kind of technical or vocational school. Some of the most satisfactory workers in the shops are women from Columbus and nearby towns who were sent to an army auto mechanics school at Cisco, Texas, and returned a few weeks ago to take over jobs in the plant.

They fit one of the shop's main needs—trained workers who may be expected to stay on the job. Many of the first women employed were wives of soldiers stationed temporarily at Fort Benning, and when their husbands left, they followed, leaving serious gaps in the personnel ranks. Now, though there is a place in the shops for more women, the preference is for permanent residents of the area.

Two Columbus sisters, Mary and Edna Dill, attended the school at Cisco and are now engaged in general repairs, especially motor and chassis work. Both are rated as mechanics' helpers, like their mother, and intend to stick with it.

MORE ADPT THAN MEN
Mrs. Edith Eubanks does one job in the electrical repair shop at which women have proved much more adept than men. This is the cleaning, testing and adjusting of voltage regulators, which keep the electricity in trucks at the proper voltage. The job involves tedious precision work of the type which men dis-

like and for which women generally are better suited.
Mrs. Eubanks also does motor tuning and operates the motor analyzer, a master mind machine for complete testing of a motor to spot any trouble.

Mrs. Leola G. Hancock of the parts room holds a job which helps in determining the pace of the entire shop. No vehicle is allowed to enter the shops for repair until the parts needed for installation are actually in the parts room. This procedure prevents a jam-up of the shops' facilities by keeping out any vehicles except those which can be repaired in the shortest time possible.

It is Mrs. Hancock's job to requisition parts needed for each repair job, to see that they are obtained, if available, from the parts warehouse, that they are allotted to the proper vehicle, and that all the necessary parts for a vehicle are on hand before it is admitted for repair.

ISSUES FOOLS
In the tool room, Mrs. Mary B. Kay issues tools, nuts and bolts to the shops' mechanics. Each mechanic must sign for a tool as he needs it, and Mrs. Kay is responsible for handling this paper work, as well as making out and filing requisitions.

A large scale adaptation of one of women's traditional jobs keeps Mrs. Edna Ring busy in the upholstery department. She helps to make and install seat covers, patch seat cushions for trucks, and cover truck seats. Much of the work is done on a big sewing machine, similar to home models but much larger and designed for use in the leatherette and heavy fabrics used in army vehicles.

Mrs. Cora Thornton helps to clean and repair radiators and gas tanks. The work often involves only minor leaks, but trucks which have been wrecked sometimes are brought in with smashed grills. The damaged sections must be removed and replaced, a big mechanical operation.

Mrs. Thornton's husband is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., and though she would like to be with him there, she has stayed at her home in Columbus and considers that her job makes her "much more useful to the war effort" here.

LET US SPRAY
Miss Gladys Walden, who first was employed in the electrical department, now works in the paint shop. Before a vehicle is painted, she sprays a compound on the windshield and windows that keep the paint from sticking to the glass. After the paint job is finished, she removes the compound and cleans the glass.

Other women in the shop paint stators and W-numbers on vehicles. Mrs. Irene Glass, who has two



"WHO DO I SEE FOR A FURLOUGH?"

sons in the navy, repairs tubes in the tire shop. Other women in the shop do tire "spotting" (repairing holes in the sides of casings).

Women are no novelty in the shops' offices, where they hold important jobs. The chief clerk is Miss Dorothy Morris, oldest woman employee in point of service.

These and the other women employed in the shops have taken on the important job of helping to keep Fort Benning and 17 outlying posts mobile. The Ordnance Automotive Group for Fort Benning operates on a dual capacity: as an Ordnance Service Command shop for the nearby posts, for whom it does all third and fourth echelon repairs, and as the center of all repairs for this post's wheeled vehicles.

Wrecked cars and trucks are restored to service, or, if they are too badly damaged, the serviceable parts which remain on them are salvaged for use on other vehicles. The hard use which a mechanized army imposes on its vehicles sends many of them to the shops, muddy, rusty or drenched out from crossing streams, or battered from miles of driving across rough country.

The shops have a steam cleaning department which takes grease off vehicles which cannot be cleaned by water. The carpenter shop does 90 per cent of the carpenter work needed by the plant.

The reclamation department functions in cooperation with the repair shops and receives all worn parts and units for inspection to determine if they are fit to be repaired. Such items as motors, transmissions, rear axle assemblies, transfer cases, clutch assemblies, generators and starters are inspected and segregated. About 99 per cent of the items can be salvaged.

Several hundred soldiers have worked in the shops for training and experience, and have been sent out to various units to do advanced repair work on vehicles.

Overall command of the Ordnance Automotive Group Ordnance Service Command shops is vested in Col. Myron Leedy, chief of the ordnance branch at Fort Benning. Col. Carlton is assistant chief of the ordnance branch and his executive officer, who is also in charge of personnel, is Major E. P. Delany.

Lt. Robert E. McLean is property officer and Lt. Joseph Rothman is purchasing and contracting

Mrs. Hobson No Stranger To Ft. Benning

Mrs. William H. Hobson, wife of the commanding officer of Fort Benning, is no newcomer to the post. She has been stationed here before, once when Col. Hobson was with the 29th Infantry, and again when he served as assistant commander of The Infantry School. During those years she has grown to love the post, although she misses many familiar faces as she returns.

Active in the surgical dressings section of the Red Cross during her last stay at Fort Benning, Mrs. Hobson has widened the scope of her activities to become vice chairman of the Fort Benning Auxiliary of the Muscogee County Chapter of the Red Cross.

She took over her duties at a staff meeting November 2.

Mrs. Hobson and her daughter, Miss Mary Hobson, were instrumental in starting the surgical dressings section here on the post in 1939, in conjunction with several other women. Surgical dressings were made at the Polo Hunt Club, where Miss Hobson supervised workers after she had completed a course in the work. Miss Hobson accompanied her parents to Fort Benning and is now working as secretary at the Red Cross Administration Building.

Before coming here, Mrs. Hobson was a member of the American Women's Volunteer Service in Washington, D. C. She served at a canteen near the Munitions Building, where over 2,000 lunchers a day were served to officers, enlisted men, and government employees from nearby government buildings.

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Mrs. Hobson met her future husband while he was stationed at Fort Snelling.

434th Armored F. A. Knows Enemy Planes

The 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion made 98 per cent in a dedication of aircraft during a recent Divisional test in the 7th Armored Division, and the highest score in the entire Division.

Two companies, Headquarters Company of Combat Command B and Train Headquarters and Headquarters Company scored 92 per cent on the same test which is held periodically under the supervision of G-3 Air.

Silhouettes of the various types of planes now being flown are used by staff members of the G-3 Air section, under the immediate command of Capt. W. G. Moeller.

TO MY BUDDY PARA-TROOPERS
By Pvt. Marshall Kuriger
Oh, what a life for a Para-Trooper:
He is brave and knows no fear
Sailing high above the clouds
Where the air is pure and clear.

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We have a job to do, boys,
A tough one, you all know;
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Regardless where we go.

If he sends us to Germany,
Or if we go to Japan,
We'll show those "skunks", you "betcha",
We'll show them when we land.

Where those German planes come "whizzin'":
That's where I want to be,
For every one that hits the ground
Just means another V.

I couldn't help it, pals,
I tried to keep my "chute",
But I got a medical discharge
And lost my "wings and boots."

You will think of Betty and Daisy
In the U. S. all alone;
You will think of your dear old mother
And your father there at home.

But cheer up, Jack and Wayne;
I'll rush right back to the farm,
And if those loved ones need me
I'll give them a helping arm.

officer, Lt. Grant L. Ray is reclamation officer and Warrant Officer Richard J. Kitts, tactical pool officer.

Woman's Club Looks Back On 20 Years of Service

The second woman's club to be organized on any army post, the Fort Benning Women's Club has for twenty years successfully endeavored to foster a spirit of friendliness and comradeship among army women. Throughout the years since its organization it has reflected the changing interests of army wives, just as its scrap book shows the growth of Benning from a "temporary camp of shanties and tents" to the mighty Fort Benning of today.

The club started out as a small study club composed of twelve members who found their afternoons of reading and discussion "quite worth while," according to a resume of the club written in 1928 by Mrs. W. H. Vincoe. In the fall of 1923 it was formally turned into a Women's Club with Mrs. Alfred Bjornstad as president.

As the club grew in membership, it also grew in scope. In 1925 departmental groups were formed, where women of kindred interests could study and work together. An Arts and Crafts Group was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Butler Knight and Mrs. Walter T. Scott studied the theory and practiced the "art of home management and cookery." The Literary Club, under the direction of Mrs. Philip B. Peyton, studied contemporary literature of that time.

CHILD STUDY
A group in child study, under the direction of Mrs. Edwin T. Bowden, skilled child psychologist, was also formed in 1925. Interest led directly to financial aid to the Children's School. The club contributed liberally, sometimes buying playground equipment and at other times donating money.

This interest led, in turn, to the founding of the Nursery School in the fall of 1942. Mrs. Reginald H. Kelley, president of the Women's Club for 1942-43, had the fullest cooperation from Brig. Gen. Walter Scott Fulton, then Commandant of the Post. A set of quarters was put aside for this important post activity, freshly painted, and the school started operating October 15, 1942. The Women's Club had additional assistance and support from the Pan-Hellenic Club and the Army Daughters' Association. The Nursery School continues to care for children of pre-kindergarten age each morning except Sunday, releasing mothers for other duties and giving children a chance to learn to play with others of their own age.

During the years the Garden Section of the club was active in increasing the beauty of Fort Benning. An annual flower show was held, at which persons vied to display the results of intensive work. With the advent of war, however, it was felt that the emphasis should be changed, and in the year 1942-43 members of the club labored as vigorously over Victory Gardens as they had hitherto done over prized rose bushes.

The group in Interior Decoration, which achieved its greatest popularity in 1941-42 when Mrs. Walter Scott Fulton gave practical suggestions on how to convert temporary quarters into a home, was continued in 1943 as the Practical Home Making

Group. As its name implies, emphasis was placed on practical help, such as slip covering and ward-time recipes. Sudden moves, however, and the decision of many army wives to place their furniture in storage, has caused a decrease in interest in interior decoration and that section has temporarily been discontinued.

SERIOUS HANDICAPS
The club officers for the year 1943-44 are working under serious handicaps. Personnel changes rapidly, both in membership and among officers and club chairmen. Mrs. Harold E. Potter, president, and club members feel that the Women's Club is an integral part of Fort Benning, and should be continued against all odds. The club actively sponsors Red Cross activities, many of its most prominent members being also the most faithful Red Cross workers. It continues to hold a general meeting on the first Monday of each month, when officers' wives hear outstanding programs and where those old and new to the army have an opportunity to become acquainted.

Instrumental in keeping the Women's Club active throughout the years are the following women: Mrs. Albert Bjornstad, 1923-24; Mrs. Frank Cocheu, 1924-25; Mrs. William McKendry Scott, 1925-26; Mrs. Ralph Kingman, 1926-27; Mrs. Walter O. Johnson, 1927-28; Mrs. Edgar S. Miller, 1928-29; Mrs. Oscar W.

1929-30; Mrs. D. G. Berry 1930-31; Mrs. Charles Hunt, 1931-32; Mrs. E. G. Peyton, 1932-33; Mrs. Philip Wood, 1933-34; Mrs. Maxine Lough, 1935-36; Mrs. W. A. McCullough, 1935-36; Mrs. G. Livey, 1936-37; Mrs. J. M. Moreland, 1937-38; Mrs. A. M. Eden, 1939-40; Mrs. Roger B. Harrison, 1940-41; Mrs. Charles H. Owen, 1941-42; Mrs. Reginald H. Kelley, 1942-43.

Mrs. Bonesteel At Red Cross Auxiliary Helm

First lady of The Infantry School and mistress of the stately colonial home where generals have been housed for years, Mrs. Charles H. Bonesteel enters on her new duties as chairman of the Fort Benning Auxiliary of the Muscogee County Chapter of the Red Cross with enthusiasm, undaunted by the fact that she has but recently recovered from a year's illness. Most of last year was spent in a hospital in Tampa, Fla., where

she was living with her daughter, and she is eager to catch up on her war work.

Mrs. Bonesteel, wife of Maj. Gen. Bonesteel, commandant of The Infantry School, is amazed and pleased at the development of the Red Cross on the post. This is her third stay at Fort Benning, where she has been active previously in the literary section of the Women's Club and in the surgical dressings section of the Red Cross.

Major General and Mrs. Bonesteel have two children. Their son, Charles Hartwell Bonesteel, III, is a lieutenant colonel in the Engineers, and is now serving overseas. Mrs. N. C. Ohman, their daughter, is married to a colonel in the air corps, and now lives in Washington, D. C. A niece, Miss Margaret Hudson, accompanied Mrs. Bonesteel to Fort Benning and will spend the winter here.

Mrs. Bonesteel is a native of Plattsburg, N. Y.

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Silhouettes of the various types of planes now being flown are used by staff members of the G-3 Air section, under the immediate command of Capt. W. G. Moeller.
TO MY BUDDY PARA-TROOPERS
By Pvt. Marshall Kuriger
Oh, what a life for a Para-Trooper:
He is brave and knows no fear
Sailing high above the clouds
Where the air is pure and clear.
They say there's a thrill in a parachute
While floating in the sky;
With all the world below you,
You smile as the clouds go by.
We have a job to do, boys,
A tough one, you all know;
We'll do this job for Uncle Sam
Regardless where we go.
If he sends us to Germany,
Or if we go to Japan,
We'll show those "skunks", you "betcha",
We'll show them when we land.
Where those German planes come "whizzin'":
That's where I want to be,
For every one that hits the ground
Just means another V.
I couldn't help it, pals,
I tried to keep my "chute",
But I got a medical discharge
And lost my "wings and boots."
You will think of Betty and Daisy
In the U. S. all alone;
You will think of your dear old mother
And your father there at home.
But cheer up, Jack and Wayne;
I'll rush right back to the farm,
And if those loved ones need me
I'll give them a helping arm.
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131st Infantry Is Baby Of TIS Demonstrators

'Dandy First' History Offers Catalog Of Well-Done Duties

Latest of the infantry units to be assigned to the School Troops Brigade as a demonstration unit is the 131st Regiment, a national guard outfit from the Chicago district. It has, however, a large number of men from Metropolitan New York.

The 131st is quartered in Harmony Church in the old 124th Infantry area.

The history of the 131st is a catalog of ideals, of duty well performed. The organization of the 131st Infantry, then known as the First Illinois Infantry, was started in August, 1874, and completed in December, 1875. Later it was redesignated the First Illinois Volunteers.

"The Dandy First" has played a glorious part in every call to duty since it came into being, and its well beloved dead rest on battlefields in Cuba and in France wherever the defense of our Star Spangled Banner called them.

The first meeting took place in the organization of a regiment in Chicago in 1874 was in response to a call in the newspapers inviting all young men interested in the formation of a military organization to meet at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

At the next meeting, two weeks later at the Sherman House, three companies, later called A, B, and C, reported their organization complete. Next came Co. D. In October of the same year Companies E and F were admitted.

In December, Company G was added. General Sherman, who had been the colonel commanding, having resigned, Alexander C. McClurg was elected Lt. Colonel. In March, 1875, Company H was added.

When the battleship Maine was blown up in 1898, this regiment was so well and favorably known that there was a rush to join it, which rapidly filled up the companies to a war footing and left a waiting list besides.

FIGHT SPAIN
On the 18th of May, 1898, the regiment was sent to the central camp of mobilization at Chickamauga, Ga. On June 30, the regiment embarked for Cuba. On July 10th they marched into the battle line and stayed there amid the mud and constant rain until the Spaniards recognized the inevitable and surrendered. The regiment was sent back to the United States on the 25th of August and was mustered out of service in November, 1898.

June 19, 1916, when intervention seemed imminent in Mexico, the "Dandy First" answered the call, was mobilized and sent to Texas. On October 5, 1916, the regiment was returned to Chicago. Five months later, on March 26, 1917, another call came for Federal duty. On October 10th, 1917, the regiment was redesignated the First Infantry and went into training for overseas duty. It arrived in France May 30th, 1918, and wasn't mustered out of service until June 6, 1919. Reorganized as the 131st Infantry, December 13, 1919.

WORLD WAR RECORD
The regiment's record in the World War is memorable. It served along the entire front in the following armies and corps: First, Second, and Third American Armies; Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth American Corps; British Fourth Army; British 19th and 111th Corps; Australian Fourth Corps; French Second Army; French 17th Corps, and French

11th Colonial Corps. Twenty-four engagements and local operations were recorded; 13 officers and 262 men killed in action; 62 officers and 2,245 men wounded or gassed; 2 officers and 17 men were captured by the enemy and returned after the armistice.

The advances gained by the regiment totaled 24,615 meters. Twelve German officers and 2,088 other ranks were captured, as were five pieces of heavy artillery, 57 pieces of light artillery, six trench mortars, 24 machine guns, 266 rifles and one German airplane. Also captured were thousands of high explosive shells, an enormous quantity of material, including narrow gauge railroad, hand grenades, lumber, ambulances, signals, Lewis guns, clubs and other articles used by the Germans.

BACK TO WAR
March 5, 1941, found the 131st Infantry in their armor in Chicago, being sworn into Federal service again. Under the command of Col. John M. Richmond the regiment reported to its duty as it had done in the Spanish American war, the Mexican Border Campaign and World War I.

The first few weeks of service found the regiment in Chicago preparing for their initial move to Camp Forrest, Tenn., where they were to join the 33rd Division. An advance detachment left Chicago on March 18th to prepare the way for the main body, which arrived about a week later. Mud was the order of the day at Camp Forrest for the first month, as the regiment settled into its new area and prepared to undertake an intensive training program.

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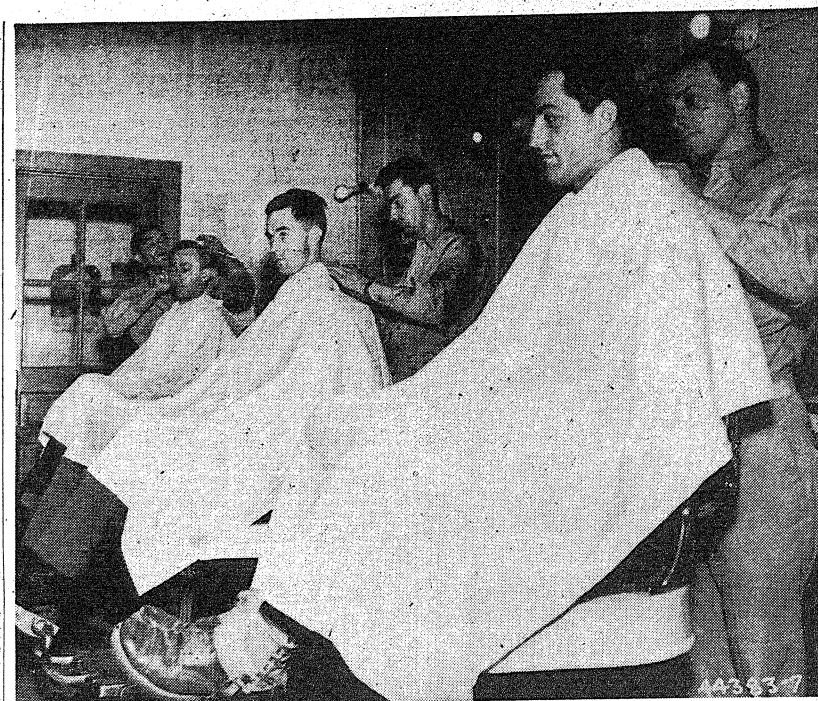
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G.I.'s in the 131st Infantry take care of their own hair-cutting problem in the fashion shown above. Pvt. Augustin Gutierrez, Pvt. Angelo Favuzza and T-5 Carroll Swecker are the G.I. barbers shown operating on the locks of soldier customers on the regiment's PX barber shop, one of two maintained within the regiment. Profits from the shop go into the Special Service Fund. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

131st Infantry Settles Down to Its Chores

Service as instructors and demonstration troops will be the primary mission of the 131st Infantry for the next six months or more, it was announced by Major Ever S. Thomas, Jr., Plans and Training Officer. The 131st is the newest regiment to be added to The Infantry School Troops.

"We are school troops of The Infantry School, Major Thomas informed the troops. "We will be used to assist the school in teaching the new recruits, and to demonstrate the latest approved methods of combat and instruction."

Stressing the vital importance of our mission and the honor attached to being chosen as a demonstration regiment in the largest and best Infantry School in the world, the Major made an appeal for all members of the Regiment to pay strict attention to detail at all times.

"We must endeavor to get everything exactly as the instructor wants it. He has a reason for every move, which may drive home a vital point. These instructors are experts in their fields and spend considerable time developing new tactics."

The Major told how the tactics taught at the school had been tested on the field of battle. "All new lessons learned on the field of battle have been incorporated in the teachings here," he said. "This provides the regiment with an unequalled opportunity to learn the latest infantry tactics," the Major pointed out.

MEN TUNE UP
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Sergeant Floyd Off to School

Staff Sgt. Robert L. Floyd, operations clerk of the 4th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army, at Fort Benning, has been selected by his commanding officer, Major Neil R. Maxey, to attend the advanced administration enlisted course at the Adjutant General's School at Fort Washington, Md., it was announced by Colonel George E. Jacobs, commanding officer of the Fourth Detachment, Special Troops, Second Army at Fort Benning.

Before enlisting in the service, Sgt. Floyd was employed by a supplies company in LaGrange, Ga.

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O. C. Lived Under Nazi Threat in Cairo, Egypt

When Candidate E. J. Doyle, of the Seventh Company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, left New York and Doyle says that applies to harbor on that troop transport in June, 1942, for duty in the Middle East, Rommel and his famed Afrika Korps were several hundred miles from the banks of the Nile. But by the time Doyle's ship docked at Suez, the "Desert Fox" had fought his way to El Alamein, less than 60 miles from Alexandria.

Doyle's small group was rushed from Suez to Cairo and was billeted at an airfield on the outskirts of the city. During Doyle's second night in Egypt, Jerry sent over a small bombing force to smash up the airfield. Doyle said that within a few seconds after being snapped out of a sound sleep by the raid sirens, bombs started to crash on the field.

"The raiding force was pitifully small," Doyle said, "less than 10 planes, but it seemed to me the greatest air armada in the world was hell-bent on giving me a noisy welcome to Egypt."

Doyle says Cairo is an exciting place any time, but during the period that Rommel's shadow was on the gateway, the city was a virtual madhouse of activity. Soldiers from every Allied nation were there, some recently arriving reinforcements and others part of the force which had fallen back from Rommel's advance.

Military personnel went armed at all times, Doyle said. It was not uncommon to see soldiers going into restaurants, theaters and other public places wearing sidearms or carrying rifles and tommy guns — all preparation against any attempted landing of Nazi paratroops.

Tension was dissipated with Rommel's defeat at El Alamein and while Cairo still was full of soldiers, the city lost much of its grim spirit and nervous anxiety. Americans were everywhere and Doyle hazards the prediction that an archaeologist at some future date will be puzzled to find a GI overnight pass among ancient documents in some Pharaoh's tomb.

"If you drink of the Nile you will return," goes an old saying. Doyle says that applies to him. He hopes for the arrival of the day when he can return to Egypt to visit friends he made there, and witness again the glorious desert sunsets.

EARLY ASSIGNED HERE
Stephen Tyree Early, Jr., 21-year-old son of the secretary to President Roosevelt, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States at The Infantry School this week. And the proudest person in the assemblage which witnessed the graduation of young Early's class was his father. Lieut. Early has been assigned to 4th Training Regiment.

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An added impetus has been given the hundreds of women who compose the Auxiliary by the enthusiasm of their new chairman, Mrs. William H. Hobson and Mrs. C. H. Bonesteel. Mrs. Bonesteel, wife of Maj. Gen. Bonesteel, commander of The Infantry School, is chairman of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Hobson, wife of Col. Hobson, Post Commander, has taken over the duties of chairman of Volunteer Services.

STAFF ASSISTANCE
Twenty women, under the supervision of Mrs. Marjorie Bronkhorst, are the volunteer workers in the Staff Assistance Corps. Dressed in the regulation command blue uniform with the yellow epaulet of their corps, they are found behind the information desk at the Red Cross work room, doing clerical or stenographic work at the Red Cross Administration Building, or filling out applications at the blood bank. Their preliminary course involves all the workings of the Red Cross in order that they may answer questions accurately, and they must put in seventy-five hours of duty a year in order to maintain an active status.

MOTOR CORPS
Driving mothers and new babies home from the Station Hospital, driving convalescent soldiers to and from the blood bank, driving expectant mothers from outlying towns to the clinic, purchasing discarded magazines and delivering them to day rooms and service clubs—these are some of the many services performed by members of the Motor Corps. Before being permitted to wear their smart blue-gray uniforms and overseas caps, these women must have taken courses in Standard and Advanced First Aid, and a course in Motor Maintenance. In addition, they are asked to take supplementary courses in map reading, ambulance drill, and attend lectures on gases and bombs.

The Motor Corps is headed by a captain and four lieutenants, who have been chosen for their good judgment, resourcefulness, and qualities of leadership. Mrs. W. L. Starner is now serving as captain. Their ranks thinned to twenty by recent departures, the Motor Corps plans another course soon to increase the number of those qualified to wear the green epaulet of its corps.

PRODUCTION
Sewing or knitting steadily, post women under the direction of Mrs. J. R. M. Weaver turn out an amazing number of articles for use of our soldiers, and for the needy. Olive drab or blue yarn, given out at the Red Cross work room with full knitting instructions, is turned into post guard caps, watch caps, mufflers, socks, sweaters—all articles appreciated by soldiers stationed in cold countries. With the demand for such articles steadily increasing, and with supplies soon to be increased, Mrs. Weaver has issued a call for more knitters.

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Man About Benning Is Popular Sgt. Neu

When it comes to championships of various kinds, Fort Benning probably has one that can't be equaled by any other Army post in the country or foreign lands either for that matter.

It's the "knows-more-people-officers, enlisted-men-and-civilians-than-anybody-else-in-the-whole-Army" and the holder of the title is Staff Sergeant Carl Neu.

A close runner-up at Fort Benning these days is probably Sgt. Lipp, secretary of the Fort Benning Branch of the Muscogee County Rationing Board, with whom thousands of officers and members of their families, and thousands of enlisted men as well, come in contact now that rationing of various items becomes more and more of a factor even among military personnel.

IN MANY FIELDS
But Sgt. Neu's various jobs at the post bring him into contact on a different field—or a lot of different fields—with different people and he has been at the hard work of acquiring the title longer than Sgt. Lipp. So the nod goes to the ubiquitous Sgt. Neu. A word he doesn't like particularly, by the way.

At Fort Benning, indeed Sgt. Neu might be said to be all things to all men. To the Quartermaster's office, where he is actually assigned, he is the liaison non-commissioned officer, so to speak, with the rest of the post. He knows all about the intricacies of the immense Supply Division and all its ramifications, and he is the go-to man for all the activities of Col. Jack Meyer and his officers and men.

He started on that job a little more than two years ago, but he has his duties brought him into contact with the Public Relations Division, and because he had a health of experience in working with sports and working in sporting goods for Macy's, which he tells all the sundry is a store in New York, he soon was being called upon to cover sports events all over the camp for that office.

Then, when the Bayonet was established a little over a year ago, he just sort of naturally became its sports editor.

ATHLETICS, TOO
It wasn't long before his knowledge of sports around the camp brought him into contact with Lt. Col. Charles C. (Casey) Finnegan, who in his own right knows nearly as much about sports as does Sgt. Neu. One of them is that of Post Athletic Officer and before long Sgt. Neu was installed as his chief assistant, too.

Well, anybody can see how Sgt. Neu began to know more and more people. He has to know all the officers and most of the men in the Quartermaster's department, of course.

Then, in the athletic office, he soon was meeting coaches and players of football, baseball, basketball, soccer, soft ball and yes, even table tennis teams.

His work in the Public Relations office didn't stop always at handling sports assignments, either, and he covered scores of other events. So he soon had his fingers in practically everything that went on at Fort Benning. He knew more officers and knew all about what they did than any two or three other persons and whenever anybody wants to know the title, proper spelling and initials of just about any officer on the Post, chances are about 10 to one that Sgt. Neu can tell him. And probably the phone number, too.

ALSO IN TOWN
Naturally his work brought him into contact with many persons in Columbus, so that he extended his acquaintance far beyond the limits of Fort Benning. And when the Public Relations Office was able to put more emphasis on radio programs, naturally Sgt. Neu was right on hand because he was one of the few persons on the post at the time who had had any experience with the ether waves.

So he soon found himself with another job—that of being the

more or less official voice of Fort Benning in broadcasting news and interviewing celebrities and helping to stage the radio programs.

And of course that meant that he became acquainted with the radio people as well as the newspaper people in Columbus.

A fairly typical day in the life of the Sergeant goes about like this—up to sweep and police, just like any other soldier, of course, and then off to have a conference with Col. Meyer on the radio show "Quartermaster Quarter

Hour" and pick up half a dozen news items about the Supply Division. Then a quick skip to the Public Relations office, where he probably finds a dozen phone calls waiting for him. He works on the schedule for the coming basketball season, sees that details are put watering Doughboy stadium; has to find a new referee for the football game coming up this week end; calls the electricians to put in some new lights on the floor; gathers up half a dozen sports stories, and covers 10 or a dozen various and assorted chores.

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515ers Feast Ala. Farmers

Eating just ordinary Thanksgiving isn't going to be the same after the pre-Thanksgiving picnic The 515th Parachute Regiment is giving for the farmers of the Alabama Training Area today. A regular full course meal will be dropped by parachute for the informal party who will then sit down to the sky-borne cuisine just as though they had eaten such a way all their lives.

Col. J. B. Lindsey, commanding Officer of the 515th, has invited all the farmers located in the Alabama Training Area to attend a Parachute Demonstration and picnic today, Thursday, November 11. To assist the guests to the Area, special guides have been posted at all entrances. The approximately one hundred Alabamians will then move from the rendezvous point to Theater No. 10 where, at 10:45 they will see regular Parachute Training films.

AIR SHOW SALUTE

From the theater they will move back to the Alabama Area and watch students make jumps, their fourth, from the familiar C-47s. At each phase the goings-on will be explained to the farmers in full. Daily these people watch the training jumps of students of the School of Parachute Training and it is necessary to land in one of their fields. This will be the first time they have been shown the inner workings of the school.

Pre-Thanksgiving dinner will be parachuted to the party at 12:45 and they will eat it, soup and all, at Bonacre Landing. At 1:30 they will go to the Demonstration Area of the Parachute School and watch a simulated combat jump with bombs bursting and overhead fire. Col. Ridgely Gaither, Commandant of The Parachute School and Col. John P. Edgerly, Post Executive Officer

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MILK PRODUCTION
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COTTON SITUATION
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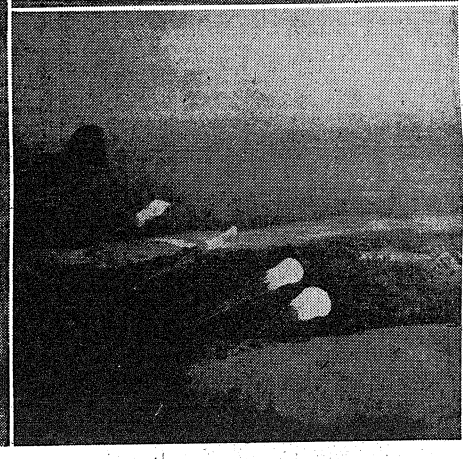
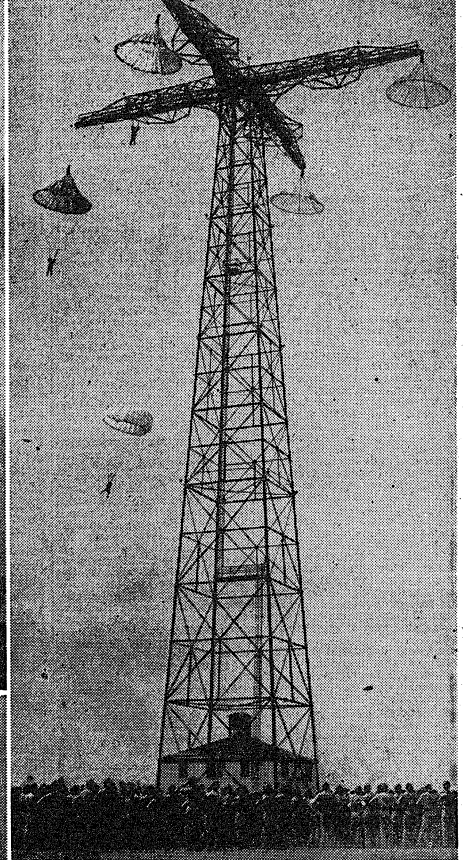
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Parachute Training at Fort Benning Is Prelude to Combat



THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL at Fort Benning is famed throughout the length and breadth of the land for the peerless training it is giving American paratroopers. The action shots above show some of the phases of training given. In the upper left is shown a jumper making his exit from the door of a plane on his way down to earth. Upper center shows a combat jump (simulated) with land mines exploding and overhead gunfire. This jump is part of the demolition course. Inset in the center shows a jumper making his exit from the door of a plane on his way down to earth. Upper right shows men jumping from the 250-foot towers in "C" stage, designed to accustom the men to the identical operation and technique of the plane jump. In the lower left photo men are shown jumping from mock doors in which exact replicas of the C-47 fuselage make practice exits as close to the real thing as possible. Next is seen Colonel Ridgely Gaither, commandant of the Parachute School, a qualified jumper rolling up his chute after a jump. Lower right photo shows the clockwork precision with which chutes open after the men bail out. All phases of the parachute opening are shown in excellent detail in this pic. (U. S. Army Air Force Photo.)

Benning-Trained Paratroopers Lead The Attack Behind Enemy Lines

Wherever Uncle Sam is dealing harder and harder blows at the enemy in various theaters of war scattered about the globe are to be found in the vanguard hardy tough paratroopers trained in the Parachute School at Fort Benning.

Front-page headlines of the nation's press have attested to the vital role these Benning alumni are playing in hitting the enemy where it hurts most, landing behind his lines, cutting his lines of supply and communications, etc.

These thorns in the side of Hitler and Hirohito are putting into practice the lessons they learned while students in the Parachute School, and when their deeds in the School of Battle Experience are finally recorded that history will not be complete without a chapter incorporating the history and development of the Parachute School at Fort Benning itself.

The training of troop paratroopers has been underway continuously in the United States Army since July 1940. Hence the Parachute School, Airborne Command, which was activated in June 1940, is the summer of 1940, he was put in charge of the first tentative qualification course of six plane jumps by warrant officer Harry C. Tugwell, director of the Air Corps Parachute School at Charlotte, N. C., for work on the

Fort Benning. Under its direction the training of the 502nd Parachute Battalion, commanded by Major George P. Howell, Jr., Infantry, was conducted. Major Howell had served as executive officer of the 501st from its activation, and later as commandant of the Parachute School.

Tower training was by that time available, so the number of plane jumps required for qualification was reduced to five, with the novice jump of the original six being replaced by several tower jumps. At that time all parachute-qualification training was delegated by the Provisional Parachute Group to a newly-established school at Fort Benning with Captain John B. Shinberger as director, and three other officers and 15 enlisted men as his staff of instructors.

SECTION FOUNDED

With expansion of the Parachute arm in immediate prospect, qualification training was made a responsibility of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, on July 10, 1941. The Infantry School established a Parachute Section, with Captain Ryder as chief, and eight other officers and 47 enlisted men assigned.

Initially the paratrooper's qualification training period consisted of six weeks. It was soon reduced, however, in view of the increasing demand for qualified paratroopers, to a four-weeks period, which is now considered the minimum practicable time for proper training. Each week is designated as a "stage" and the time of the course is occupied substantially as follows:

4 STAGES

First Week ("A" Stage): Physical conditioning, hand-to-hand combat training, and parachute packing.

Second Week ("B" Stage): Physical conditioning, training on parachute apparatus (door exits, landing training, suspended-harness exercises in parachute manipulation and control, etc.), and parachute packing.

Third Week ("C" Stage): Physical conditioning, tower training (controlled and free descents, controlling and collapsing the parachute after landing, opening-shock simulations, etc.), and parachute packing.

Fourth Week ("D" Stage): Qualification jumping, normally consisting of one plane jump per day for five days, with repacking of the parachute for use on the following day. The sixth day of the final week is devoted to graduation exercises and assignment to units or specialist courses.

The Parachute Section of the Infantry School became a separate unit—the Parachute School, Airborne Command—on May 15, 1942. Colonel Howell (promoted to lieutenant colonel in December, 1941, and to colonel in February, 1942) upon the expansion of the 502nd Parachute Battalion into the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment) was appointed commandant. By that time the training had been expanded, subdivided, and specialized so that the qualification course could be followed by training in parachute

rigging, parachute demolitions, and parachute communications. The attendant increases in academic and administrative personnel made the school's authorized totals upon activation 23 officers and 140 enlisted men. The school also had attached for its use in qualification jumping a troop-carrier squadron from the Army Air Forces' Troop-Carrier Command.

Establishment of the various specialist courses at the Parachute School followed this schedule: Communications: First class started March 9, 1942, with Captain Julian Ewell, Infantry, in charge, Second Lieutenant John Almeida, Infantry, assistant.

Demolitions: First class started May 2, 1942, with 29 students. First Lieutenant Ray O. Phillips, Infantry, in charge.

Riggers: First class started July 20, 1942, with First Lieutenant Emory V. Stewart, Infantry, in charge.

Since the personnel assigned to the 506th upon its activation had received special physical conditioning throughout its recruit training, aimed toward eventual parachute qualification training, it was deemed practicable to eliminate the first week of the usual qualification course. The regiment began its training in "B" Stage. Subsequently, other units have been enrolled as a group for parachute qualification under the same circumstances, and accordingly the school now offers two jump-training courses.

The "A" Course, of four weeks, for individuals with no preliminary pre-jump training. The "B" Course, of three weeks, for units organized and trained before enrollment with a view to eventual jump training. The "B" Course is virtually the same as the "A" Course without the initial week of general physical conditioning.

FURTHER EXPANSION
Further expansion of the Parachute School led to the appointment of Major Ryder as commandant as parachute officer, he was succeeded as assistant commandant of the Parachute School by Colonel Garland H. Williams, Infantry, effective September 21, 1942.

Up to November 23, 1942, students entered the Parachute School as individuals, received their qualification training, and were then assigned individually to the various parachute units of the Army, both as replacements and as activation personnel. On that date the 506th Parachute Infantry enrolled at the school as a unit, the first such case in the history of the school. The 506th had been formed some four months before, around a cadre of qualified paratroopers, from selected volunteers direct from civilian life. They received their basic military training as a group, and then entered the Parachute School for qualification training immediately upon completion of this recruit instruction.

Since the personnel assigned to the 506th upon its activation had received special physical conditioning throughout its recruit training, aimed toward eventual parachute qualification training, it was deemed practicable to eliminate the first week of the usual qualification course. The regiment began its training in "B" Stage. Subsequently, other units have been enrolled as a group for parachute qualification under the same circumstances, and accordingly the school now offers two jump-training courses.

The "A" Course, of four weeks, for individuals with no preliminary pre-jump training. The "B" Course, of three weeks, for units organized and trained before enrollment with a view to eventual jump training. The "B" Course is virtually the same as the "A" Course without the initial week of general physical conditioning.

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Parachute Training Is For Mentally-Alert Only

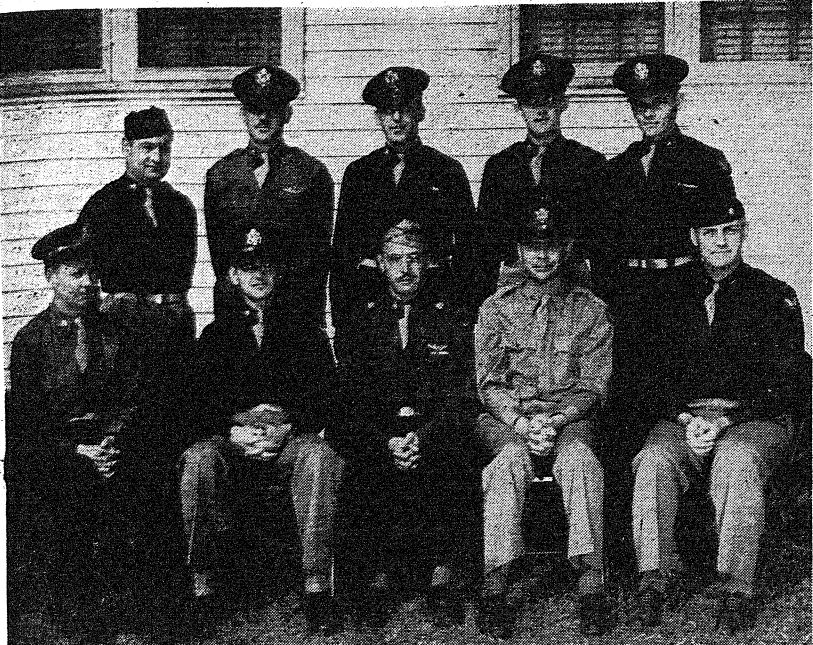
Parachute Prelude to Combat, Parachute School. It is broadly vividly home to him in dozens of different ways. He has nothing to worry about so long as he keeps thinking in everything he does. This mental alertness coupled with determination and normal physical equipment produces the unbeatable Parachuting Infantryman.

Volunteers are the only men in the Parachute Troops. This is the only completely volunteer outfit in the United States Army. Why does a man volunteer? Well, back in the frontier days they called such desire for accomplishment the pioneer spirit. And that's what it is today. The men who volunteer their services for parachute duty do so to be a part of the most modern form of military work. They do so because they like a challenge to themselves and they like to win. The spirit of the Paratroopers is well-reflected in the song "The New Infantry March".

It used to be the Infantry did nothing but march all day. Dusty guys with mud in their eyes. Went slugging along the way. But times have changed and now we range. The sky and a sea of blue. We fly a bit and then we hit the silk of a parachute.

CHORUS
Airborne we fly the sky. Paratroopers do or die. Speed troops like the wind.

We go. We're sons o' guns! We're sons o' guns! We won't take no for an answer. Can't stop those paratroopers jumping down into the fray. Oh it's not the way it used to be. A bigger and better infantry comes in 'by air today!'



LT. COL. JOHN E. ALBERT, commanding officer, Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., and his immediate staff. Reading from left to right: Major Beverly H. Tucker, Intelligence and Public Relations Officer; Major George A. Key, Personnel Officer; Col. Albert; Lt. Col. Wm. A. Capers, Executive Officer; Major Donovan C. Moffett, Plans and Training Officer; Standing: Major Julian D. Freedman, Administrative Inspector; Major John W. Christner, Base Operations Officer; Major Nat H. Aronson, Legal Officer; Major George W. Gorman, Base Mess Officer; and Lt. Thomas L. Bradley, Jr., Supply Officer. (U.S. AAF Photo.)

Lawson Field Site of Many Phases of Air Growth Since Its Opening; Now Base for Troop Carriers

Named After Captain Killed In Air Accident 20 Years Ago

The activities of the Army's famous Infantry School and the much younger but almost equally famous experimental 501st Parachute Battalion, were augmented late in 1940 by the addition of a C-47 Air Force Unit at Lawson Field. Lawson then became the base of two additional corps and division Observation Squadrons while the 62nd Air Base Group was being activated at Lawson.

Later the development of Lawson Field was greatly accelerated when it became a base of the First Troop Carrier Command. This development was due in no small part to the increased activities of the 3rd Composite Squadron at Lawson. This Squadron, a unit of the Third Air Force, has as its primary function the flying of missions in collaboration with the training of the students at The Infantry School.

So rapid has been the growth of Lawson Field since the formation of the 501st Parachute Battalion that Lawson Field was called, that correspondence is still being addressed to "C. O. Field."

OPENED IN 1921

Lawson Field was first opened to airplane traffic in 1921. The field was named at that time in honor of the late Captain Walter Lawson, a native of Georgia, who died in an airplane accident at Wright Field on April 2, 1923. Captain Lawson served in the 41st Aero Squadron in France, being awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "repeated acts of extraordinary heroism in action during July and September."

It was a pilot in the Pulitzer Race in 1922.

In 1925 a small number of Air Corps officers and enlisted men from the 16th Observation Squadron, Fort Riley, Kansas, were transferred to Lawson Field to perform tactical and allied problems for The Infantry School.

By the 16th Observation Squadron, carried on the operations into New Guinea. They flew supplies and personnel in China among the treacherous peaks of the highest mountains on earth.

On the night of July 8, 1943, two hundred and twenty-three members of a Troop Carrier Command transported thousands of parachute troops to Sicily without loss of a single life or transport plane. Aid was given to the Fifth Army at Salerno on the nights of September 12-14 and 14-15 when thousands of combat troops were dropped from hundreds of transport planes to reinforce the embattled ground forces. Troop Carrier units also played an important role in the campaign which wrested Guadalcanal from the Japs. All the fresh meat served to Allied troops on New Guinea was flown from Australian mainland by Troop Carrier planes. During the assault on pivotal Kokoda, a Troop Carrier platoon played a vital part in dropping supplies and equipment to the battered American and Australian soldiers.

Stationed at Lawson Field today are many officers who have helped the Troop Carrier Command carry out its missions on the various battlefronts. Among them are: Maj. Charles H. Christmas, Maj. Carl J. Lichter, Maj. Roman T. Schumacher, Jr., Maj. Herman Pardee, Maj. Francis P. Thompson, Capt. Ben L. Parker, Capt. Bernard Cederholm, Capt. James M. Turk, Capt. Theodore C. Smith, Capt. Richard Waltrich, Capt. Douglas Dougan, Capt. Hugh L. Turk, Jr., Capt. George S. Smith, Capt. Robert W. Bebe, Capt. Clarence A. Laken, Capt. Fred J. Franz, Capt. John C. Durham, Capt. Grant W. Brown, Lt. R. A. Spon, Lt. Harold E. Walker, Lt. William Harris, Lt. Walter Vance, Lt. Delvin E. Kendall.

BRIEF GROWTH

Today the First Troop Carrier

Chilean Army Leader Visits Infantry School

"The aims of Chile are the same as the aims of America. We are in the same boat."

Such was the Good Neighbor comment of Gen. Osvaldo Fuentetaja, Chief of the Chilean Military Mission, who yesterday concluded a month's tour of Army posts and war factories with an inspection of the Infantry School, Fort Benning.

His comment was contained in an expression of intense satisfaction at the practical operation of the Good Neighbor policy.

"The more you know this country and the more you see of its people," said General Fuentetaja, "the more one must be convinced that the Americans are sincere and frank in their desire to make the Good Neighbor Policy workable and permanent. As the leaders of the North and South American countries have learned to know each other and trust each other, this knowledge and confidence will be spread to the people of the entire continent."

During his inspection of The Infantry School, General Fuentetaja was accompanied by Maj. Marcos Lopez-Larraz and Capt. Carlos Hepp, witnessed several problems involving Officer Candidates.

GENERAL IMPRESSED

He said that on the basis of his trip, the methods used throughout the Army and at The Infantry School for training soldiers for combat are very good and very interesting. He was especially impressed with the close contact with the training, saying that it was more than sufficient to build initiative and alertness and prepare the soldier for exposure to actual battle conditions.

Two phases of instruction which particularly drew his attention were the close contact training and the Motor Maintenance course which is offered for officers and enlisted men. This technical training, he said, is not only valuable in keeping a modern army moving and able to meet the fluid conditions of warfare, but also a mechanical development after the war.

General Fuentetaja, in addition to being Chief of the Chilean Military Mission, is the senior Chilean delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board. His inspection tour has included visits to Detroit, Camp Hale, San Diego, and Fort Sill.

He said that his opinions of the whole trip were splendid and that he was tremendously impressed by all he saw. He indicated, however, that the best part of his trip was that devoted to the inspection of The Infantry School.

Chute Medico

The Journal of the American Medical Association (1938) states that "the most important factors in a physical therapy department are competent medical direction and efficient physical therapy technicians," and this is directly applicable to the Parachute School Dispensary.

Following is the supply department which diligently performs the task of keeping the entire place completely stocked, everywhere from clean towels and linen on the beds to the sterile equipment used in surgery.

HEAD SURGEON

Ultimately we reach the office of the Chief of the dispensary, the head surgeon. On these men rests the entire responsibility of the administration. Here too are born all new plans to lessen any type of sickness.

One such is the project on air sickness. Little information can be released on this subject, which is under the direct supervision of the Surgeon General in Washington. It is, as the name implies, a problem in research to cure the ill effects of flying.

There is first aid equipment at each of the four training stations of the Parachute School. Two

A PARTIAL VIEW of the large and modern hangars of Lawson Field, Fort Benning, Ga., with one of the large Army transport planes of the First Troop Carrier Command parked in front of the hangars. Lawson Field is one of the bases of the First Troop Carrier Command. (U. S. A. F. photo.)

THE PRIMARY MISSION of the First Troop Carrier Command is to carry combat troops. Pictured above are paratroopers being loaded into troop carrier planes stationed at Lawson Field, Ft. Benning, Ga., a base of the First Troop Carrier Command. (U. S. A. F. Photo.)

Signal Corps Soldiers 'Get Message Through'

"Get the message through." That is the Signal Corps in action. But it is not enough just to get the message through. It must get through on time, for there is another slogan to which the Corps lives up: "The difficult we do right away; the impossible takes a little longer."

Repeatedly dipping into their pockets and hearts, Fort Benning soldiers and civilians have donated \$71,557 in cash and 1097 pints of good American blood so far during 1943, in answer to which they have invested in war bonds during the 10 months of this year.

Not only have the post soldiers and civilians donated but they have donated generously. For this reason Fort Benning has ranked high in nationwide participation in the March Red Cross Drive which has netted \$33,000 in the United States, receiving a statement and congratulatory letter to that effect from Frank Grayson, director of Military and Naval Welfare Service of the American Red Cross.

SURPLUS BLOOD DONORS

After this initial drive of 1943, Fort Benning was twice visited by the mobile blood bank, and donors surged forth in such numbers that the post had to be turned over. During the second visit, a record was set here, when 212 pints of blood were drawn in one day. The post has 1000 blood donors.

Every previous day's collection by that unit, which normally takes not more than 170 per cent.

There are 1000 blood donors at Fort Benning. The post has 1000 blood donors.

It is an essential function of the Signal Corps.

The Signal Property Warehouse under the direct supervision of 1st Lieutenant Arthur M. Seaton, is a new permanent building in charge of Captain Charles M. Lang. This unit is a very busy establishment, handling reports to all Signal Branch and has served the Army for over sixteen years.

PHOTO LAB

The Signal Corps Photographic Laboratory, which was inaugurated during the past year, is in charge of 2nd Lieutenant Francis D. McGuire. In this unit all identification photographs are made for the officers and such pictures as may be required by the Training Film Library which is using every minute of the day.

The consolidation of the Telegraph Office and the Radio Office to what is now known as the Signal Corps Center has been the most recent activity, looking forward to improving the Communication service business and personal telegrams and cablegrams. This activity is in charge of Warrant Officer (JG) Richard M. Mauer, who is also Assistant Cryptographic Officer and Assistant Signal Security Officer.

There are 23,000,000 Mohammedans in Africa's east central region.

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top, having redeemed its pledge of \$30,000 and adding another \$8,057 for good measure.

WAR BOND RECORD

And all this time local soldiers and civilians were buying bonds, \$4,000,000 worth. During the Second War Loan in April the post did much to help Columbus and Muscogee county in the raising of \$8,000,000 in three weeks. A purchase of \$83,768.25 was reported by Mr. A. F. Richardson, local postmaster, and regular subscriptions also rose. It was in April that civilians at the Infantry School reached the War Department set, pay reservation goal of 90-10 percent, and became eligible for a certificate of achievement as a banner.

Civilians at post headquarters followed suit, soon gaining 100 percent participation. Other installations began to rise to the call and post civilian participation advanced from 28 percent giving 3 percent of their salaries, to the present 81.7 percent investing 8.02 percent. This represented a gain of nearly 300 percent in pay reservations and cash allotments in ten months. Major Fink, post band officer, said that the 90-10 percent goal was in sight and predicted that it would be reached by early 1944.

In September the post took part in another war loan campaign, the 3rd War Loan Drive, which far overshadowed any previous war bond achievement at Fort Benning. In a one month period \$1,043,145.85 was invested in these securities. This represented a cash purchase of \$800,000, and a subscription amounting to \$243,145.85.

The postoffice with \$176,793 and \$34,425 in bonds, and an all-time high in bond sales.

4TH SC LEADER

During this drive Fort Benning purchased 436 of the new war bonds sold in the entire Fourth Service Command, a record in itself.

Reviewing the program, Major Fink brought out that Fort Benning, itself, had staged various rallies, which netted sizeable investments. These included: Lorraine Bessie, Margaret Coan, Willie Smith, Kate Flynn, Elizabeth Morgan, Doris Lee, Sarah Wood, Peggy Sapp, Doris Brown, Mary Lou Brown, Willie Lucas, Margaret Lucas, Edna Flynn, Dorothy Susman, Jean Kilgore, Gracie Andrews, Verne Neidepump, Annie Rose Williams and Aurelia Scarborough.

Fort Benning also aided Columbus in a war bond campaign in connection with the premiere showing of the movie, "Action in the North Atlantic." Local purchases for this event amounted to \$1,178.

Major Fink expressed the hope that Fort Benning would reach all \$5,000,000 mark by the close of 1943, which would make it by far the largest 12 months ever. Assisting the major in the bond program is Lt. A. W. Myers, assistant public relations officer.

Rags To Glad Rags Work Of QM Reclamation Shop

A dust rag's life would be the lot of many pieces of damaged clothing repaired at the Clothing and Equipage Repair Section of the Quartermaster Reclamation Shop if they were in the possession of the average American housewife. But in the Army, such frayed and ragged clothing usually gets a new lease on life.

Symbolic of the Army's complete utilization of every scrap of resources coming under its control, a shirt or any other garment coming into the shop is salvaged in every possible way to provide cloth, extra buttons, zippers or half of zippers and other material. A good sleeve from one ragged shirt, with a good back, a good collar and other good parts from other worn shirts are put together until a complete shirt is made—and made well for the purpose it is to serve. During three recent months, this shop has made a net saving to the government of almost \$100,000 by making such repairs.

Operated under the general direction of Colonel Jack Meyer, director of supply at Fort Benning, the clothing repair shop is under the immediate direction of Lieut. Ross W. Crossley, a native of Columbus, Ohio, and quartermaster reclamation officer, who also is in charge of the shoe repair shop and several other quartermaster shops.

24-HOUR SERVICE
However, during the past six months, the most spectacular phase of this shop's operations has been the growth of special work for organizations, such as making slits, sewing braids on overseas caps, and sewing on chevrons or insignia. And the highly unusual feature about the shop's performance of this work in these days of overworked tailor shops and alteration shops is the fact that the Clothing Repair shop not only promises to deliver but actually delivers the goods within 24 hours after receipt.

Doing this work free of charge and according to G. I. specifications, the shop alters lengths of sleeves or trousers, or any similar sort of work quickly and expeditiously. Where such work is needed for organizations which are alerted or some other sort of emergency arises, the shop will complete the repairs and return them to the organization in less than 24 hours after they have been received.

WORK INCREASING
Whereas this sort of work amounted to less than five per cent of the work done by the

shop six months ago, and was almost negligible nine months ago, almost 35 per cent of all work done at present is organizational work, and the percentage is continuing to grow. In addition to doing such work for regular G. I.'s, the Repair Shop also does a great deal of repair work for WAC units on the post as well as members of the Army Nurse Corps.

Growth in percentage of this type of work is due largely to the fact that more organizations are participating in the services available in addition to Fort Benning, repairs amounting to about five per cent of all work done, are made for Turner Field at Albany, Ga.; Tuskegee Air Base at Tuskegee, Ala.; and the Opelika, Ala., Internment Camp.

LARGEST IN SOUTH
In addition last March of 68 machines and 36 women from the Columbus WPA are now working in the Clothing and Equipage Repair Section into the largest shop of its kind, military or civilian, in the South, and in all likelihood as large or larger than any other similar Army repair shop in the nation.

This was achieved on March 12, when the enlarged repair shop went into full operation, prepared to repair 30 to 40 thousand garments and pieces of equipment each month without strain of any sort. Prior to that date, the shop had only 12 steamstresses, and was able to handle only a small part of the clothing repair work on the post. Most of the work had been sent to the WPA in Tuskegee, and the Quartermaster Section of the Quartermaster Corps for repairs.

When WPA was closed down by the government last in February, the Quartermaster Corps brought most of the WPA machinery and personnel to Fort Benning, expanding the Clothing and Equipage Repair Shop to its present size. Today, a total of 74 sewing machines are utilized and number of repairs range from 68 to 72.

FULLY EQUIPPED
Sixty-six of the machines are stitchers, three of them are button machines and one each are overlockers. The shop has a special double needle, and Eastman rotary cut machines. The over-edge machine is specially constructed to stitch blanket edges, while the felling machine closes side seams on work clothes. The button hole machine makes button holes of any size, and makes them look almost

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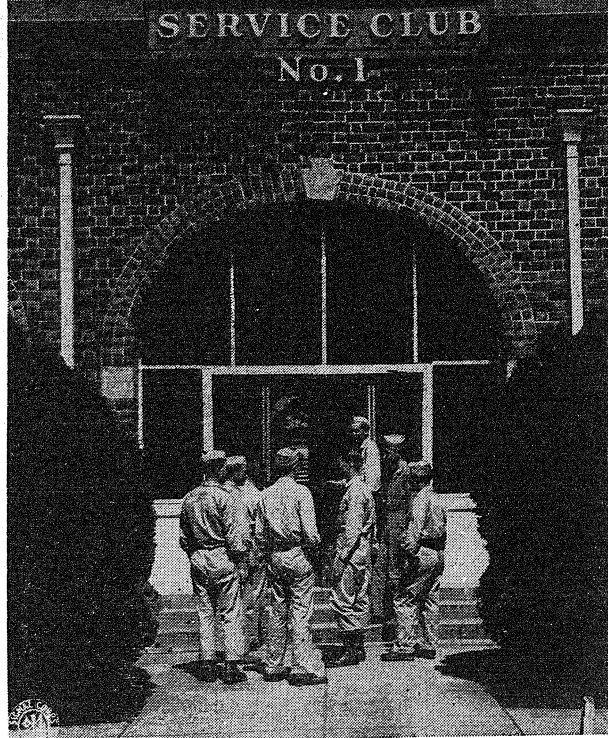
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After completion of the training period, the workers are put into one of the skilled groups, which include field jacket, blanket, comforter, wool shirts, wool pants, and herringbone, to mention but a few. The size of the group depends upon the volume of



SERVICE CLUB NUMBER ONE on the Main Post is the mecca of all soldiers stationed on this section of the reservation. It is equipped with a splendid dance floor, billiard tables, radios and talking machines. In the building are housed also the Garrison library and a modern radio broadcasting studio from which emanates many of the programs aired from the post. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo).

as good as new. The double needle machine is used mostly for putting on patch pockets, while the rotary cutter cuts patches in large quantities.

Of the 68 machines brought from the WPA, 64 were stitchers and four were special machines. All special machines are operated by three women employees, who are specially trained in the work.

Clothing and equipment come to the shop from many sources, including excess clothing from various units, clothing turned in by soldiers who have received discharges, and clothing which has been worn out by soldiers and turned in by supply sergeants for repair. The clothing and equipment range from an "almost new" state to a state of almost utter uselessness by former civilian standards.

ALL TYPES MENDED
All types of clothing are included in the items repaired by the shop, and some new processes, worked out here, are being put into practice by the shop.

Raincoats, for example, are patched like rubber tires by a process Lieutenant Crossley himself experimented with and found to be far more efficient than the usual method of repair. Running across some rubberized cement used in the tent repair shops, Lieutenant Crossley decided to try "cold" patching on the raincoat. The area around the tear or hole in the raincoat is cleaned thoroughly by a mixture of ammonia and benzene, and a neat patch is placed over the tear from the inside and held by the rubberized cement.

The former method of sewing patches on the raincoats was not nearly so effective. The new method saves considerable time and, at least, none whatsoever, while sewed patches sometimes were inclined to slip a little water. The only time a machine touches a raincoat for such repairs now is when a new buttonhole is made on the coat.

When the clothing and equipment come into the shops for repair, they range from mattress covers to laundry nets, from bar racks bags to mosquito bars, from shelter halves to woolen blankets and cotton comforters, and from prossaic O. D. clothes to the yet more prosaic herringbone twill.

The clothing and equipment goes first to the ripping and sorting group in the shop and are sorted into types as to material and as to kind of repair needed. If the unit finds certain of the clothing is unfit for repairs as a whole, the strong parts are ripped off and saved until enough different parts are collected for entire lot of clothing can be repaired satisfactorily it is sent to the proper group for repairs, by the forelady at the machines inspection table, who allots the clothing to the various machines within the specialized groups.

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Service Clubs Are Mecca In Off-Hours

Many a soldier insists heartily that there is no such thing as spare time in the army, but even the most disgruntled GI occasionally finds himself at all done and the evening is still young.

That's when he begins to appreciate the service club in his area. There he finds special entertainment features, music, food, games, and facilities for writing letters in comfort. Whether he wants active recreation or just a comfortable chair and rest his tired feet, he can usually find what he's looking for in his service club.

Fort Benning has seven such clubs, operated by the Special Service Branch under the supervision of Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, chief. They are scattered about the post so that one is convenient to each concentration of troops.

The clubs are the center of recreation for their areas. Each has its own cafeteria or canteen, and all except Lawson Field Recreation Club have libraries. Guest houses, for the use of families and friends visiting soldiers, are nearby.

FORMAL PROGRAMS

Each club plans a formal program each week, with some special feature booked for each night. These include movies, bingo, dances, variety shows, quiz programs and the like. Some of the classes in the subjects ranging from dramatics to fencing.

Hostesses at the service clubs help the soldiers plan and carry out their parties. They arrange to bring WACs or girls from Columbus to the dances, and help with the details of refreshments, music, etc. Some of the clubs are large enough for the dances, otherwise they are held in gyms in the area.

Soldiers bring their problems to the hostesses, and sometimes when they get homesick they come in to sit and talk for companionship. But they also share their happier moments, and the hostesses get a detailed account of furloughs, promotions, weddings, and new babies.

DIRECTORY

Service clubs, their locations, and personnel are:
Service Club No. 1, Main Post, Miss Mary Farmer, director; No. 2, Sand Hill, Mrs. Winifred Baker, director; Miss Janis Wilkins, hostess; Miss Mary Smalley, recreational and social hostess; No. 3, Harmony Church, Miss Mildred Cawthon, director; Miss Olga Parker, cafeteria hostess; No. 4, for colored troops on the main post, Miss Adeline Michael, hostess; No. 5, for colored troops, Mrs. Bernice Smith, director; Miss Louise Harris, cafeteria hostess; Lawson Field Recreation Club, WAC Lt. Lois Price, temporarily assigned as director, and No. 7, in the Alabama area, Miss Sarah Head, director; Miss Elizabeth Heap, cafeteria hostess.

PING-PONG KING WINS

Ping-pong king Pvt. Wilner P. Rhine and Lt. Paul M. Ragla of the Seventh Armored division took two out of three doubles matches from Sgts. James C. Murphy and William Summers of the Fort Benning Academic Regiment in the 7th's Shepard Hall Friday night. Sgt. Bill Summers is the 8th ranking table tennis player of this country. In a singles game played previously, Pvt. Rhine bested Lt. Ragla but lost two to Murphy and Summers when Lt. Ragla won one game from Murphy, losing one to Summers.

GREETINGS to the Men of FORT BENNING on their 25th Anniversary 1918-1943

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Well, He Did Get Transferred—Didn't He?

Technician Fifth grade Horace Weinstein of the "Lucky 7th" Armored Division may have a few more gray hairs this week, but he is also breathing a bit easier after enjoying a furlough.

In a mad swirl of activity he took his final physical exam, made his last will and testament, and repacked his belongings for overseas shipment. Then at almost the zero hour he was informed that a mistake had been made, and that he was only being transferred to the 91st Engineer Treadway Bridge company in the Sand Hill area.

From Capt. Weinstein's point of view at least, the Army works in strange and mysterious ways it wonders to perform.

7th Armored Band Formed

Formation of the Seventh Armored Division Band, which has been combined from the 31st Armored Regiment and the 4th Armored Regiment Bands, has been announced by the Lucky Seventh Armored Division at Fort Benning. The newly-formed band made its first formal appearance at a recent review held by Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silver.



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H. C. Dental Clinic Bridges Many Gaps

Harmony Church Dental Clinic, under the direction of Major Nathan Alderstein, has been in the business in this area for over two and one-half years. Serving in the past the Officers' Candidate School, they are now concerned with the toothaches of the trainees and personnel of the ASTP Regiment. In addition to this, they also serve the 131st Infantry, the 52nd Field Artillery, 523rd Ordnance and the 12th Field Artillery. This is a pretty big dish (or should we say... tough grind) even for the fine group of Dental Officers and specialists stationed here. They're doing an excellent job.

G. I. Takes His Sundae Heavy

"Gimme a choc shake!" "A choc sundae, and heavy on the chocolate!" That's the emphasis that can be heard in the din from the GIs in the triple line that clamors for service before the only soda fountain in Fort Benning, the one in the PX across from the Main Theater.

One "funny" thing about the "soda" fountain is that there is only a moderate demand for ice cream sodas, or other drinks with carbonated water, states T. J. Pich, manager of the fountain. He and his assistant, C. E. Martin, both noted that the GIs get most of their plain drinks in bottles at the smaller PXs, and their plain pint of ice cream in the same way, or at the cafeteria, and when they come into the "fountain" they want "served" cream, with chocolate syrup on it, or in shakes with chocolate flavor.

During the hot months the place used an average of 120 gallons of ice cream a week, it is stated, and it has only dropped off about a third even in this very cool weather of late.

Women on the Post are about the only patrons of the more fancy concoctions of the fountain, the GI being too busy (or too hungry) to worry over such care in his selection of confections. The woman, WAC or civilian, can have syrups and nuts and fruits, and such, mixed any fancy way she wants them, the GI just calls for a chocolate milk shake or a chocolate sundae—and is happy with results without bother. Of course, he eats the other things, sometimes, when he is accompanied by the "date," but it is a concession on his part.

In most animals the eyes look to the side and have separate fields of vision.

The sequoia trees of California are thought to be the oldest living things. Some are estimated to be 4,000 years old.



CENTER OF ATTRACTION at Fort Benning is the Main Theater, a credit to any large city. Long queues of soldiers form before the box office long before the selling of tickets is scheduled. If you don't believe it, just drop around a Sunday or a week-day and see for yourselves. This photo was snapped at night. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo).

Post W. D. Theaters Keep Pace With Army Motion Picture Service

Dozen Movie Houses Give Troops Latest in Hollywood Entertainment

War Department theaters here at Fort Benning have kept up with the pace set by the U. S. Army Motion Picture Service since it began operation January 1, 1921.

Few but the "old timers" on the post remember the old main theater on Ingersoll Street near the post gymnasium. When the boys at Fort Benning today speak of the "main theater," they mean the Main Theater which stands on the post's busiest corner, World Avenue and Ingersoll Street. The Main Theater was opened in the portraiture of Army life just about five years ago—September, 1938. It is completely modern in every respect and is comparable to the finest motion picture houses to be found in the civilian world. Aside from main tenance work always going on in the comfortable auditorium and luxurious lounges, the exterior and lobby appointments are constantly being modernized.

A new ticket booth was recently added at the theater, and the flooring was laid in the lobby.

In addition to the Main Theater, where Lt. Jack Campbell, post theater officer, maintains headquarters, there are 11 other War Department theaters scattered over greater Fort Benning. Theater No. 2 is located at World and Anderson Avenues on the Main Post and is for colored personnel. Theater No. 3 is in the Frying Pan area, and Theater No. 8 serves the First Student Training Regiment.

Theater No. 10 is in the Alabama paratroop area, and Theater No. 12, recently opened, is at Lawson Field, Lt. William B. Pennington is in charge at the latter theater.

Theaters Nos. 4, 5, 9 and 11, supervised by Lt. Charles M. Clark, assistant theater officer, are located in the Harmony Church area. Theaters Nos. 6 and 7, under the direction of Lt. John D. Deg-area, serve the Sand Hill area.

SPECIAL SERVICE FUNCTION The Army Motion Picture Service was inaugurated after World War I when an agreement between the War Department and a commercial distributor proved unsuccessful. GI theaters are operated by the director of the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces.

The enterprise is entirely cooperative, and profits realized in War Department theaters are returned to the camps. All posts where such motion pictures are shown share in the profits.

There is no censorship exercised in the selection of motion pictures for GI audiences except

USO Clubs Sure Curative For Loneliness

GIs who bewail week in and week out a lack of entertainment at Fort Benning must enjoy "singing the blues," or they would investigate the many entertainment features not only on the reservation but at the USO establishments in Columbus and Phenix City.

In Columbus and Phenix City there are eight USO clubs in addition to Fort Benning troops in addition to two Travelers' Aid bureaus. Three of these establishments are for the sole use of Negro troops.

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Six national welfare agencies co-operate to give servicemen and women the United Service Organizations. The agencies, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Catholic Community Service, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army and the Travelers' Aid, are all represented in the Fort Benning area.

Their co-operation working together to provide recreational facilities for the post since 1933 and has been at Fort Benning since 1925, formerly having served with the 29th Infantry Regiment.

Certain soldiers are assigned to work in the theaters, and four WACs are assigned to the Main Theater. Ushers and ticket takers, also soldiers, work after completing their military duties for the day.

ilities for members of the armed forces is a tribute to our national religious freedom, and may well serve as a model for the post-war world.

One of the largest and most conveniently located of the Columbus USO clubs is at 100 Ninth street opposite the Howard Bus station. Operated jointly by the National Catholic Community Service and the Jewish Welfare Board, it offers a program to meet various tastes.

MANY FEATURES Many features are scheduled for presentation weekly on the same days. Sunday's program always includes coffee and toast and jams in the morning, Town Hall and a musical program in the afternoon and a variety show and motion pictures in the evening.

Other week-day events including basketball and other sports, motion picture shorts, quizzes with prizes, dances, games and parties are regular attractions in addition to specially programmed events. Eugene Bergmann is local director of the National Catholic Community Service. The Jewish Welfare Board program is at present being handled by Maurice Rothschild and Miss Naomi Gail-zaid, who are pinch-hitting until a successor is named for Edward Korn, who left November 1 to as-

located at 14 West 11th street, same a position with YMHA and the YWHA in St. Louis, Mo. The Army-Navy YMCA-USO is Floyd Francisco is director. The "Army Hour," a soldier radio broadcast on Sunday at 5 p.m. (EWT) is one that club's most famous programs. However, entertainment features and services to be found in all the USO's are programmed.

Two Salvation Army USO clubs are operated in the Fort Benning area under the direction of Major Victor Edman. The Columbus unit is located at 1323 Broadway, where James Scott is director, and the Phenix City club is at Third and 16th street. Program directors for the clubs are Mrs. Edna Scott and Mrs. Kathleen Barrow, respectively.

The YWCA-USO, located at 1425 Third avenue, is always open. Mrs. Janet Haag is director.

TRAVELERS' AID The Travelers' Aid maintains central offices at Broadway and 10th street in Columbus. There is a booth in the Greyhound Bus station and one in Howard Bus station. Miss Elizabeth Mertz is director.

One Travelers' Aid unit and two USO's are for the exclusive use of Negroes. The Travelers' Aid station is at 500 1-2 Ninth street, where Miss Dorothy Butler is director. The USO clubs are the Army-Navy YMCA at 841 Fifth avenue, and the YWCA at 836 Fifth avenue. E. E. Farley and Mrs. Frances Penman are the respective directors.

Facilities offered at all of the clubs include information, travel and room service, lounging, libraries, personal counseling, games, music, radio, popular records, arts, crafts, writing paper, home hospitality, refreshments, sewing kits and sewing service and package wrapping and mailing.

Miss Anne Primrose, USO area representative, maintains offices in the USO at 100 Ninth street. In addition to USO clubs, four other service clubs are located in Columbus. The Presbyterian Service Center is at 11th street and First avenue. There is a service club in the Columbus lodge of the BPOE at 5 1-2 East 11th street. The Episcopal Service Men's Club is in the church building at 1130 First avenue, and the Masonic Service Center is at 1125 Second avenue.

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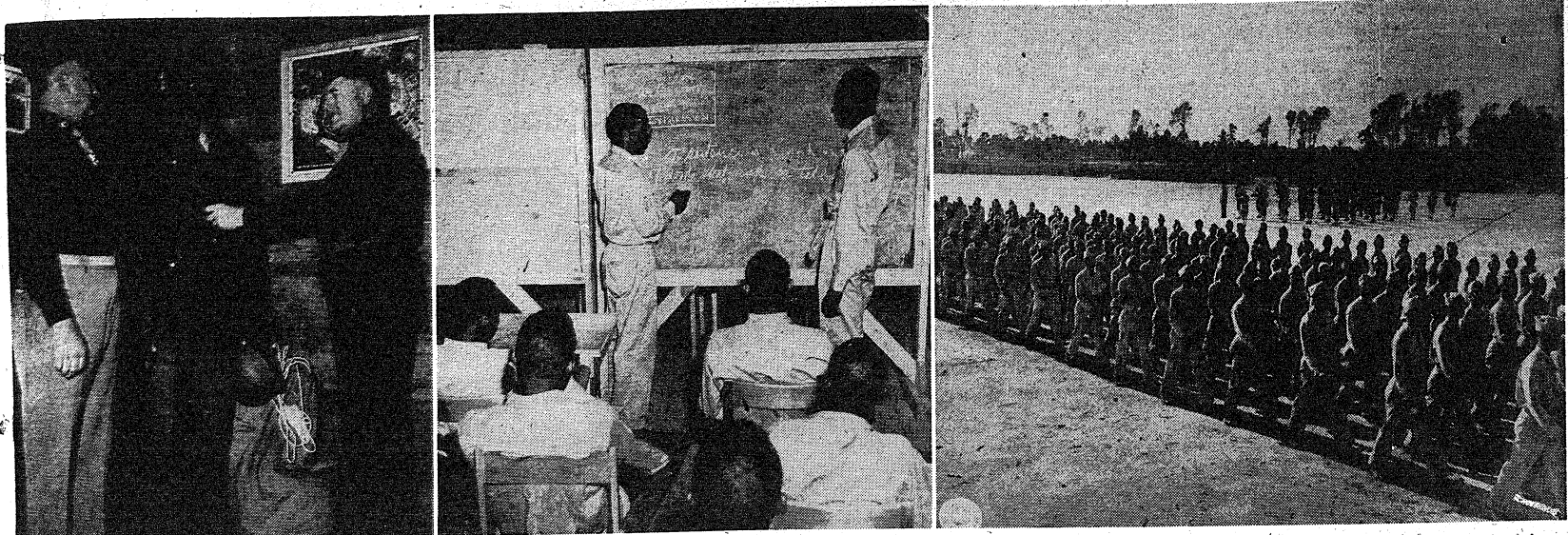
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ing through a gas cloud during a training problem designed to teach them how to conduct themselves if the enemy in desperation resorts to gas warfare. (U. S. Army Signal Corps—7th Armored Photos.)

ec- nity and elegance to the present-day growing room.



HE'S A SOLDIER NOW—This morning Private Arthur Lee Williams, (left), of Crichton, Ala., was a civilian, but after his visit to the quartermaster he's ready to commence training. Shown examining him is Colonel Ulric N. James, reception center commander, and Executive Officer, Major William C. Tippins. Frequent spot checks such as this are made by Col. James and his assistants to assure continued smooth functioning of the center. School days lie ahead for Reception Center soldiers who can neither read nor write. Although tentatively accepted into the army, they must undergo 12 weeks of the three R's before shipment to their first station. Shown above (center) is Sgt. William L. Graham, instructor from the center's specialized training regiment, who is explaining the fundamentals of expression, the putting of thoughts in words, to a class of selectees. One, two, three, four, ... head erect eyes front, chest out, chin in. ... Reception Center soldiers pass in review to the music of their band at a regular Sunday morning parade. The center group, (right), is doing "eyes right" as it passes the reviewing stand. Two weeks ago, most of these men were civilians; now they are mastering the fundamentals of drill and have already gotten the feel of soldiering. They are ready for their first assignment. — U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Speed, Efficiency Mark Reception Center's Work

This is the army, Mr. Civilian! This is your designation, these are your new clothes, and here is your assignment.

That in a nutshell is what Fort Benning's Colored Reception Center, largest unit of its type in America, does daily for hundreds of selectees, being introduced to army life for the first time. Of course the actual processing, clothing, equipping, and shipping are not quite that simple. But the outstanding feature of this reception center, under the command of Colonel Ulric N. James, is the tireless rapidity and efficiency with which each man is handled and introduced so to speak. An amazing amount of individual attention is given the average soldier, including testing, classification, medical examination, and on to painstaking care in the fitting of clothes and shoes.

The first step in this transition process is the induction station, commanded by Captain Earl R. Turfhill, where each selectee's first record is rechecked, and a series of mental tests and a physical examination are given. If somewhere along the line an individual fails to meet minimum requirements, trained psychologists arrange a recheck or personal interview. Men who cannot qualify at fourth grade level are often retained for further training. Upon returning after 12 weeks schooling might raise them to acceptable standards. These selectees are salvaged and sent to the Reception Center's Specialized Training Regiment for their additional training.

Quarters pass all examinations, and upon returning are inducted immediately and sworn in. All do not go to the army, however. Representatives from the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines are stationed at the center and take certain likelihood candidates for those branches. Following induction, selectees are allowed a three week furlough, to go home, dispose of any property, and to generally straighten up personal affairs.

Although officially in the army now, these soldiers do not wear the uniform, and are classed as reservists. Upon returning to duty, they first report to the reception center's checking station, where all records are again reviewed. Druggists and a processing tag are issued here. On the processing tag will be listed pertinent data, such as inoculations received, blood type, record of intelligence tests, classification, orientation lectures heard, date of induction and clothing issued. This is carried along with the man, to show successful status just what each man has had or missed.

RECEIVING COMPANY

After leaving the checking station, soldiers go to a receiving company, where quarters and mess hall assignments are made. Then follow a visit to the quartermaster section, to be outfitted with everything from shoe strings to size under the supervision of Captain George Fogie, quartermaster and experienced personnel like Sgt. Norman LaCoste, a former retail clothing salesman.

Leaving the quartermaster, soldiers return to their company in the Receiving Battalion, which is commanded by Major Robert Landley, for training as time permits. This will include rudiments of military courtesy and discipline of salute, march, and drill with

and did further work on a M.A. In his present position, he supervises work of 96 instructors in the 4th battalion, seeking constantly to raise the standard and quality of training prepared for uneducated members of his race.

HALF-DAY OUTDOORS

But the trainee's day does not begin and end in the classroom. Only half of each day is spent indoors. For the other four hours trainees are given the fundamentals of basic training, foot drill, rifle firing, calisthenics, and road marches. Colonel James has arranged this training program so that uneducated soldiers will leave not only with sufficient classroom learning, but also with enough field instruction to give him, self-confidence to meet them every day problems alone.

Twelve weeks is the maximum period allotted for this schooling, and 95 percent of the soldiers qualify. Many finish sooner for literacy is a matter of relatively few days. For the other four hours trainees learn and progress faster than others. Soldiers who can neither read nor write when they first enter the center, by the time they leave, are able to read the general Orders in the short space of two weeks. Great use of visual aids is made in this work.

Once men qualify according to army standards, they are transferred to the Receiving Battalion for assignment and shipment.

But not all men are shipped. For those who fail to meet minimum requirements, individuals are selected as members of the permanent cadre, which numbers about 1000, including the center's own detachment of colored WACs. The WAC detachment commanded by 2nd Lt. Lucile Mayo, handles details in the center's physical, dressage, medical sections, No one directly supplementing work of the male cadre. The latter is under the command of Captain Charles R. Rountree, of Alford, and furnishes the personnel for the checking station, classification, quartermaster, assignments, records, and medical sections. In addition to operating five messhalls, under the watchful eye of Captain John R. Foster, Jr., mess officer.

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MESS MORALE FACTOR

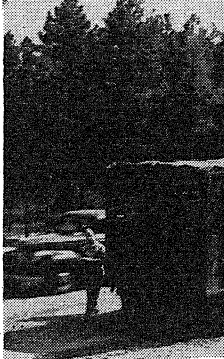
While the mess is a big morale factor and source of great satisfaction to all the colored G.I.s, there is an extensive morale program in the center. It is the very latest trends in motors as they pertain to the army.

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Another side of the morale program is presented by the center's own organized choir, the "Singing Soldiers," led by 1st Lt. Isaac L. McDonald and Simmie P. Holland, who conduct regular religious services for men of all faiths. Many of the men in the area are used for this purpose on Sundays, including messhalls, recreation halls, and the theater. During summer months, open-air services are held for large groups. The chaplain serves to help new soldiers with advice and counsel, and to keep them from being weaned away from the church during the first bewildered hours after induction.

THE DISPENSARY

Safeguarding physical fitness of the new recruits in the Reception Center Dispensary staff, headed by Major Dennis L. Hallisey, and aided by two assistants. Yet there has never been a complaint of a soldier, arriving at his destination physically unfit for duty.



ONE OF THE IMPORTANT MISSIONS OF THE Truck Regiment of The Infantry School, is the transportation of students to and from classes. Two-and-one-half ton trucks are some times used but the most prevalent method of transportation are the trailer-vans (shown above). (Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Truck Regiment Plays Vital Role in TIS Training Program

The Truck Regiment, an Infantry School unit, is one of Fort Benning's newer outfits—having been activated less than one year ago—but occupies a place of great importance in the daily functioning of this large army installation.

This organization was activated on December 18, 1942, by authority of the Replacement and School Command, Army Department of Replacements, to fill a transportation need made acute by the transfer of another truck unit from the post. At the time of its activation, it was designated as the Provisional Truck Regiment and held that name until just recently when War Department orders directed that it be known by the name which it now uses.

Realizing the importance of its mission, higher authorities provided the regiment with a capable leader, a man well fitted for the job of Regimental Commander, Colonel Frank J. Vida. This officer brought to the newly formed organization a military background of honor and achievement gained in World War I, and the experience of later training gained in camps scattered from one end of the country to the other. Prior to his assignment to his new duty, Colonel Vida was Chief of the Automotive Section of the Infantry School and, as such, was well versed in the very latest trends in motors as they pertain to the army.

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Other orders provided the regiment with men destined to be commanding officers of the unit's battalions. The Truck Regiment is composed of four battalions and today, these men, Lieutenant Colonels Russell H. Anderson, Joseph S. Phillips, Thomas M. Evans, and Ralph Clatt, have the responsibility of insuring the regiment efficient service from the first, third, second, and fourth battalions respectively.

WELL-EQUIPPED PARKS

Each battalion maintains well-equipped motor parks capable of storing, servicing, and repairing hundreds of vehicles ranging from the quarter ton "jeep" to the giant tractor-trailer vans. These units maintain dispatch systems that daily are directing all types of transportation to every corner of the huge reservation fulfilling requirements for the Infantry School's many needs, and there are men in the organization who can boast of having driven across the country in their own vehicles, some of the world's greatest and most famous personages—military as well as civilian. So numerous and varied are the Infantry School's demands on this

unit for transportation that Truck Regiment drivers and vehicles may be seen on some undisclosed mission at any hour day or night along any road or trail within a radius of more than forty miles. As though proud of the trust and responsibility placed in them, these drivers maintain such a high degree of efficiency and "attention to duty" that the Regimental Commander has initiated a system whereby those drivers and mechanics who have fulfilled high qualifications are awarded pennants, appropriately inscribed, denoting their achievements. Motor or parks keep the soldier ever mindful of his duty by having displayed in prominent places reminders of "accident free days" and "late dispatches." Opportunities for individual advancement are heightened by the frequency of details sent to various schools and, to date, well over 200 men have been sent to Motor classes at the Infantry School, scores have been sent to take courses of instruction at the School for Bakers and Cooks, while others have been students in advanced classes in Administration and Supply at Camp Lee, Virginia, while still others have been sent to various branch Officer Candidate Schools.

The efforts of these persons are recognized by the higher commanders within the regiment, and many of the enlisted periodically receive well-earned promotions, while all are certain of receiving frequent and generous periods of time in which they may return to their homes and families for short visits.

GO TO SCHOOL

The officers within the regiment are, likewise, afforded many opportunities for advancement and training. Recent figures show that thirty have been sent by the regiment to pursue courses in various army fields that will be of great benefit to them. Others have shown inclinations toward other branches of the service and have been transferred to Military Police units. Air Corps groups (two of the colored officers are now at the world famous air base at Tuskegee, Alabama) and the Parachute School at Fort Benning. Probations have been evident and over forty officers have changed the insignia of rank in the ten months since the regiment was activated.

In addition to the many opportunities offered by the regiment, the systems that direct all types of military training, other instruction is available for those persons who have been deprived of normal educational advantages in civilian life and the regiment has organized a Literacy School that fills a vital need. The advantages offered through army courses of instruction are made known to the personnel and at present many of the men are studying in Self-teach text books. Orientation programs are carried on in the various units and the average man in the regiment has a new sense of his responsibility to his country in these times of world conflict.

While mindful of the soldier's need for motor and mental training, his physical needs are not neglected but are carefully attended by ever watchful superiors who try to insure that this soldier's food or that soldier's barracks is the best that a system of personnel and places can provide.

Each company has well appointed dayrooms where the men may have access to a large variety of magazines and periodicals, enjoy writing facilities, and amuse themselves with many types of indoor games amidst pleasant surroundings. Entertainment features are made available to all personnel of the regiment and transportation is provided for any important activities given on the reservation. Various battalions stage programs and the use of GI Movies, augmented with other feature films, is quite common. Company dances are arranged and enjoyed by the personnel and the regiment lends financial support where necessary.

Many important groups get their start in the Truck Regiment. Just recently, final approval has been given for the organization of another officer's group on the post, and, through the initiative and planning of a number of the Truck Regiment officers, the Collins' Road Officer's Mess is now beginning to function.

ORCHESTRA PLANNED

An orchestra is in the process of forming and many promising musicians are rehearsing in anticipation of their formally joining the Fort Benning musicians' ranks. The regiment boasts a chorus which has been compared favorably with professional groups while two quartets—one of the spiritual type and the other specializing in popular music—have brought additional attention to the regiment.

Athletics have not been neglected and there are very few persons who are not familiar with the two baseball teams, the "REDS" and "BLUES," who perform creditably in the Fort Benning Service Conference. At the present time a football team representing the regiment is in the grip of a season and has won its opening game over one of last year's outstanding conference teams. Basketball teams are already unpacking stored away equipment in anticipation of a

championship season and prospective "stars" are reported daily. To sum it up briefly, the Truck Regiment, The Infantry School, has made great strides forward in the ten months of its existence and has a small group of officers and a cadre of enlisted men and working, training, and proudly stands alongside of other, more famous organizations, confident of its ability to maintain the high standard set by the regimental commander and necessary for the requirements of the Infantry School.

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Every class at Fort Benning's B and C School is taught how to meet just such emergencies when they are charged with the task of seeing that the fighting men on all far-flung battle fronts are kept fed under any conditions. The equipment of most of the utensils destroyed, but so long as the cook has a shovel he can produce bread and full meals. He even is taught to prepare a meal in a hole in the ground, somewhat on the line of the old Maine woodsman's bean-hole.

When they go into the field, American bakers and cooks are provided with the best equipment of its kind in the world, but, if necessary, they can function under conditions that would make an Indian wonder what to do. Lt. Col. Grover M. Ford, commandant of the school and of all B and C Schools in the Fourth Service Command, asserts:

Cooks are taught how to make improvised ovens of clay and straw, hay or grass, and a little water. They are heated thoroughly by a fire which is removed and

the meat can be cooked by the retained heat. Another type is dug out of a hillside, working on much the same principle, and it is added where clay and straw is not easily obtainable.

TRENCH COOKING

But even if the hillside is not available, they can bake trench type over which is burned out thoroughly. Eighteen hours is recommended. Then the meals are placed inside and the trench is covered with any metal that can be salvaged. Coals are then placed on top of the oven to give an even heat.

Even if the yeast, without which palatable bread could hardly be made, were exhausted, the bakers are prepared to create the proper conditions for making a yeast culture of their own. They are trained to obtain virgin yeast from the air. They do this by making a mixture including water, salt and sugar, and leaving it exposed to the air at a temperature of 80 degrees.

The Fort Benning Bakers and Cooks School is the parent school for all bakers and cooks school in the Fourth Service Command. Its commandant, Colonel Ford, directs the work of these Service Command schools from his headquarters at Fort Benning, and visits each school every month. Prior to his call to active duty July 1, 1940, Colonel Ford was a professor of biochemistry at Emory University in addition to the parent school at Fort Benning, there also is Bakers and Cooks School Number 2, which is for colored soldiers. This school is under the immediate direction of Major Abraham Pfeifer, assistant commandant of the school, who is assisted by Captain Louis Albert.

Aside from the two schools at Benning, there are at present six other Fourth Service Command schools are operated under direction of Colonel Ford. These are at Miami Beach, Camp Shelby, Miss.; Camp Forrest, Tenn.; Fort Bragg, N. C.; Maxwell Field and Camp Sibert, Ala.

Captain Robert J. Dickson is assistant commandant of the parent B and C school here at Benning; Lt. Bernard J. Ritterholz is in charge of the bakery, and Lt. John E. Motter is an instructor for officers classes.

Warrant Officer Daniel H. Siroty, who is stationed at the

Bennig parent school, is chief of the military personnel branch for all Fourth Service Command B. and C. schools.

Senior instructor at the Bakers and Cooks School here is Master Sergeant Henry B. Whitworth, Jr., while Master Sgt. John W. Shaffer is chief baking instructor.

Courses are given for cooks and for bakers, and for officers who are trained as mess supervisors, for mess sergeants, and for dehydrated foods. Also, two day conferences for colonels and field grade officers in the Fourth Service Command often are held for discussions on the latest and most scientific methods of baking, cooking and mess supervision and management.

DEHYDRATED FOOD

The highly publicized and immensely valued dehydrated foods which are being used by our armies overseas are no mystery to the B and C school here. Students who attend local courses in the cooking of dehydrated foods are taught to serve delectable meals, complete from soup and fruit juice cocktails to desserts, making their meals from ingredients composed of little shreds or powdered substances.

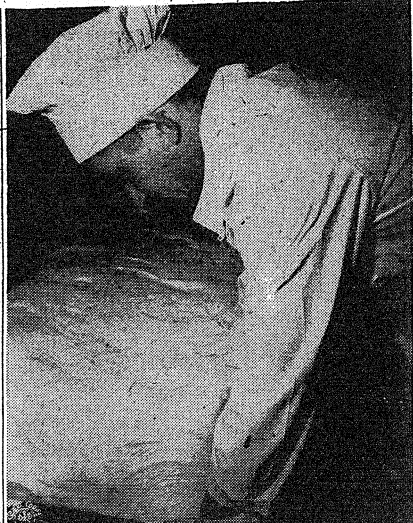
The students learn how to take four pounds of dehydrated potatoes and prepare servings for 100 men. In the style they prefer, whether mashed, au gratin, Lyonnaise, scalloped or American fried. They can take a few nuggets of dehydrated apples and whip them up into a luscious pie, or a few ounces of beef and eggs and do them up like a chef in a large hotel would prepare them in the natural state. Taste, color, flavor and aroma of the foods are retained, for the most part, as in the original article.

These students learn that the substances they cook with originally were fresh foods from which a large percentage of water and inedible portions, like peels and seeds have been removed, and that such foods are harvested at the peak of their maturity, are carefully selected varieties, and are thoroughly cleaned and dried by scientifically controlled processes. They retain most of their original food value and vitamin content.

MIRACLE FOOD

But in addition to learning about the "miracle food" of dehydration, they also learn the art of baking to the fullest. They see the school bakers in their vast garrison bakery bake all the bread used by the various organizations located on greater Fort Benning, including both the Sand Hill and the Harmony Church area, as well as the main Post and the Alabama Parachute area. This baking is done by personnel of the school and a handful of students. The bakery operates three shifts a day, on a full 24-hour a day basis, to provide all the bread for this vast Army post.

During the past four months, each of the two Benning B and C schools have twice won the monthly award for having the outstanding mess hall of all Fourth Service Command units at Benning. B and C School No. 2 won the award in July and August, while the parent school won it for September.



"DOUGHBOY" SGT. A. KASUBIENSKI, a student at Fort Benning's Bakers and Cooks School, is literally "in the dough" as he "punches" a tub of freshly made dough at the school. He is one of the many hundreds of students who have gone through the B. and C. School within the past few months. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



LIKE MANNA FROM HEAVEN TO A TIRED K. P. is the Army's dehydrated potatoes. Corporal John Christy of Medina, N. Y., looks enviously at Second Lieut. Jeanne H. Hexamer of Williamsport, Ind., an Army hospital dietitian, as she shows him four pounds of dehydrated potato shreds which will provide servings for 100 men. Both are attending a course in the preparation of dehydrated food at the Bakers and Cooks School at Fort Benning. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Infantry Board Keeps Foot Soldiers Equipped With Newest Weapons

Located at Ft. Benning and working in close harmony with the Infantry School facility is the Infantry Board. The board was created shortly after the end of the first World War, as the official agency charged with studying the requirements of the Infantry arm, and advising the War Department in all matters relating to organization, technique and equipment of Infantry troops.

The Commandant of The Infantry School is ex officio President of The Infantry Board, and is therefore a position of importance. Subject to this coordinating authority of the Commandant of The Infantry School, the actual direction of the Board's activities are in the hands of the Director of The Infantry Board, designated as such by Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, in Washington.

The Board is composed of senior Infantry officers specially selected for broad experience and knowledge of Infantry matters. Their duties constitute the Board, proper. In addition, it also comprises a larger group of junior officers, known as the Test Section, each of whom is a specialist in some particular phase of Infantry activities or in a particular class of Infantry activities or in a particular class of Infantry equipment. These junior officers are primarily test officers who conduct physical tests of items of equipment under study by the Board, and under the direction of The Infantry Board, develop and submit to the Board recommendations for changes in

design or prepare new designs to fill Infantry needs.

The Infantry Board formerly functioned under the Chief of Infantry. Since the reorganization of the War Department in March, 1942, it has functioned under the Chief of the Requirements Section of Army Ground Forces, who, in turn, is directly under the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, in Washington.

PERMANENT AGENCY

The Infantry Board is thus a permanent field agency of the War Department charged with informing and advising the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, regarding the adequacy of Infantry equipment and the need for new equipment. Its studies and recommendations have been, and still are, of the most decisive importance in enabling the U. S. Army to match its equipment with that of foreign armies. Its success or lack of it in the performance of these duties is measured by the difference between the equipment carried by the Doughboy of 1917 and 1918 and that available in his prototype of 1943. Except in the rarest of emergencies, no article of equipment for the Infantry soldier is adopted ex-

cept after exhaustive study and test by The Infantry Board, and many of the articles now standard equipment owe their original design to that Board.

The rosters of The Infantry Board since its organization in 1921 contain a large number of names that have since acquired nation-wide and even world-wide fame. A few examples are: General George C. Marshall, Lieutenant General Courtney H. Hodges, Lieutenant General Omar Bradley, Major General O. W. Griffith, Major General Alexander M. Patch, and Major General Paul B. Malone (now retired).

FARM INCOME

Gross farm income, which has increased steadily since 1938, is estimated to be 22.7 billion dollars for 1943, the largest on record. Production expenses have also risen since 1938, but not as much relatively as gross farm income. Net income has increased sharply during the past five years.

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Columbus Churches Greet Soldiers of Ft. Benning

DR. J. CALVIN REID, [is due the fine Corps of Chaplains who are serving on the post. From time to time, these men attend the meetings of our Ministerial Alliance, and we try to assure them there, as well as in our personal contacts with them, that it is our desire in no way to compete with them in the magnificent work which they are doing on the post, but rather to cooperate to the fullest of our ability. It is never our purpose to draw men to our churches in preference to the chapel services on the post but simply to provide the proper facilities and a warm welcome for the parties, and special dinners are provided frequently. In addition, many soldiers are invited into Columbus homes for Sunday dinner.

CONTRIBUTE MUCH Every church, of which I have any knowledge, is very much inspired by the response of the soldiers to these special activities and also to our regular worship services. Since so many of our own members are in the service and away from home, it means much to us to have the places taken by the men in uniform from Benning; and it is my feeling that these men attending in such large numbers contribute as much to us in the way of inspiration as we to them. Quite a number of them are singing in our Columbus choirs. Also, from time to time, some of the special choirs which have been organized on the post come in and render programs in our various churches. Thus, in our effort to serve our soldiers friends, we find that we in turn are being richly blessed.

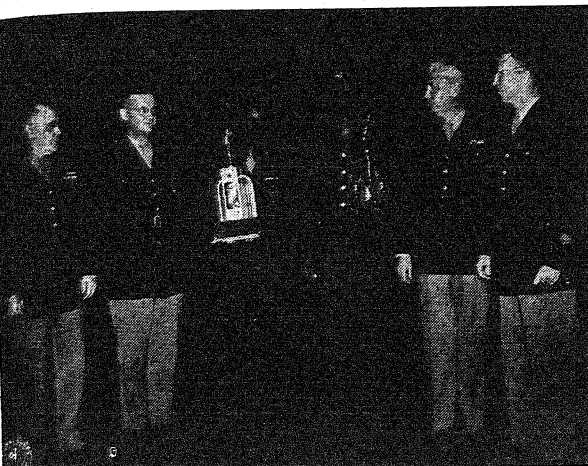
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tember and October. The parent school is now flying the flag, which is given to each month, in front of its main building on Vibbert Avenue on the post.

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NOTABLES ATTEND BASEBALL PARTY for Service League teams at Fort Benning given by post athletic association. Left to right, the officers are: Col. William H. Hobson, post commander; Brig. Gen. Henry L. Perrine, commanding officer for the Infantry School's troops brigade; Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post athletic director; and Maj. Harry Gowdy, special service officer for the Infantry School. The recipients of the awards are: St. Sgt. Eugene H. Heyward, of Miami, Fla., manager of the Reception Center team which won the Southeastern Servicemen's title; and Corp. John Washington of Birmingham, Ala., captain of the 1st STR Red Sox, which captured the Benning Service League crown. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

ASTP Sports Program Designed For Conditioning, High Morale

Appeal To Competitive Spirit Reached Through Athletic Games

Unquestionably, the youth of our nation needs more physical education. Competitive sports seem to offer the most effective answer to building up and maintaining the high physical standards of ASTP trainees of Basic Training Center at Fort Benning. The "one-two" stuff that goes to make up the greater part of calisthenics is undoubtedly required to a certain extent, yet, obviously it doesn't contain the appeal of competitive sports.

USO Basketball Will Get Under Way On Monday

The 6th Street USO Basketball League will open their season next Monday, November 15, when the first four teams of the two-team leagues will take the floor of the mammoth gym at the USO Club in the city.

Schedules are now being made up and all team captains will be notified, and a mimeographed copy of the schedule presented to the team captains as well as to their Athletic Office.

Rules and regulations for the league were adopted at a recent meeting of the captains and everything is in readiness for not only some keen basketball playing but some real entertainment for the spectators, as the roster of practically every team includes some well-known college cage star.

The following organizations at the Fort will be represented in the League, which will be known as the American and National Leagues:

- Division Headquarters, 7th Armored Division.
- 53rd A. L. Battalion Headquarters, 7th Armored Division.
- 16th Armored Signal Company.
- "Bambler" of Company D, Academic Regiment.
- "Black Cat" of Company A, 36th Infantry.
- "P. F. S. Motor Pool" of Headquarters and Service Company, The Parachute School.
- Company F, 26th Infantry.
- Headquarters Company, 3rd Student Training Regiment.
- "F. T. L." of Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 1st P. T. R.
- "Sure Shot" of Company D, 26th Infantry.
- 3rd General Hospital, 131st Infantry.
- Combat Command "B", Headquarters Company.
- Company B, 705 Tank Battalion.

3d STR Has Ace Gridsters

Bracketed alphabetically in the Seventh Company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, Officer Candidates Anthony S. Cernore and Paul E. Carroll can meet on another common ground, both having been outstanding collegiate football players who were chosen on numerous all-star teams.

Cernore played guard on the Creighton University team from 1936 to 1940 and while he was the Missouri Valley Conference player for two years. He also was chosen as a member of the American-Italian All-Star Trophy for being the outstanding player on the team.

In 1941 Cernore played first-string guard with the Philadelphia Eagles in the American Professional League. This was the team owned by the millionaire sportsman, Alvin Karpis, who often had as his guests for the games Lane Turner and Gene Tierney.

ALL-STAR
In 1942 Cernore was a member of the Army All-Star team and played in games against the Washington Redskins, the Chicago Cardinals, and other professional teams. It was during the All-Star game that he scored his only points, a field goal from the 25 yard line which put the game on ice for the All-Stars. Cernore named Stendles and Kim-

Gebert Tutors Spirit Cagers In First Work

Wyoming's Weir And UCLA's Lee Are On Hand For 176th

While the Spirit football team is still rolling along at top speed, the 176th Infantry's basketballers are going through light practice sessions, preparing for the Infantry School Basketball League campaign. Lt. Kirk Gebert, who captained the Washington State hoopers in 1942, has been named to coach the hoopers.

WEIR AND LEE
Twenty-two players answered the first call and several outstanding men are on hand for the campaign. Heading the list is Jim Weir, a six-foot-five center from Wyoming University and Mary Lee, who stands six-three. Lee was an excellent performer for UCLA during the past three seasons.

Another candidate for the five is Sparky Sucharak, late of the championship Spirit basketball team. Suchara, who hails from Detroit, has played with club teams prior to entering the service. Joe Novocel, hurler on Company C's softball unit, is also looking good in pre-season warm-ups.

TWO VETERANS
Two men who performed on last year's quintet, and who will be wearing the Red and Gray again, are Steve Blanchard and Buck Konopasek; while Leo Mous, Slick Rogers and Sully Harris will join the courtmen following the football season. Others now working out under Lt. Gebert's tutelage are Donald, Grey, Mallory, McCarel, Waller, Tulley, Olson, Stout, Knight, Pealzer, Michaels, Heath, Aldridge, Froyer, Ready, and Poland.

Troop Carrier Squadron at Lawson Field captured second place, while Sgt. Harold J. Schmidt of the Academic Regiment's "G" Company took third.

All three prize winners picked the correct winner in all fourteen games—and they were the only ones to score a clean sweep. Roth was adjudged the winner because his predicted scores were more like the actual returns than the others.

Because of the huge anniversary issue this week, and the consequent strain on advertising facilities, there will be no grid contest, but the feature will be resumed in next Thursday's paper.

Wesley Roth Is Grid Winner

7th Armored PFC. Has Clean Slate

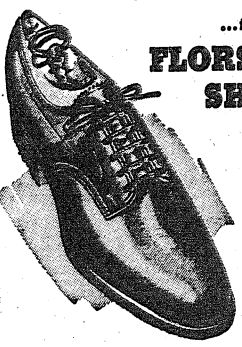
First-place honors in the Bayonet's weekly score-guessing contest for last Thursday went to Pfc. Wesley Roth, a member of Battery B, 44th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, a unit of the 7th Armored Division.

Another private first class, Charles E. Moore, of the 5th

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